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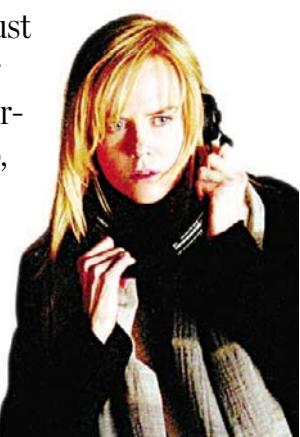


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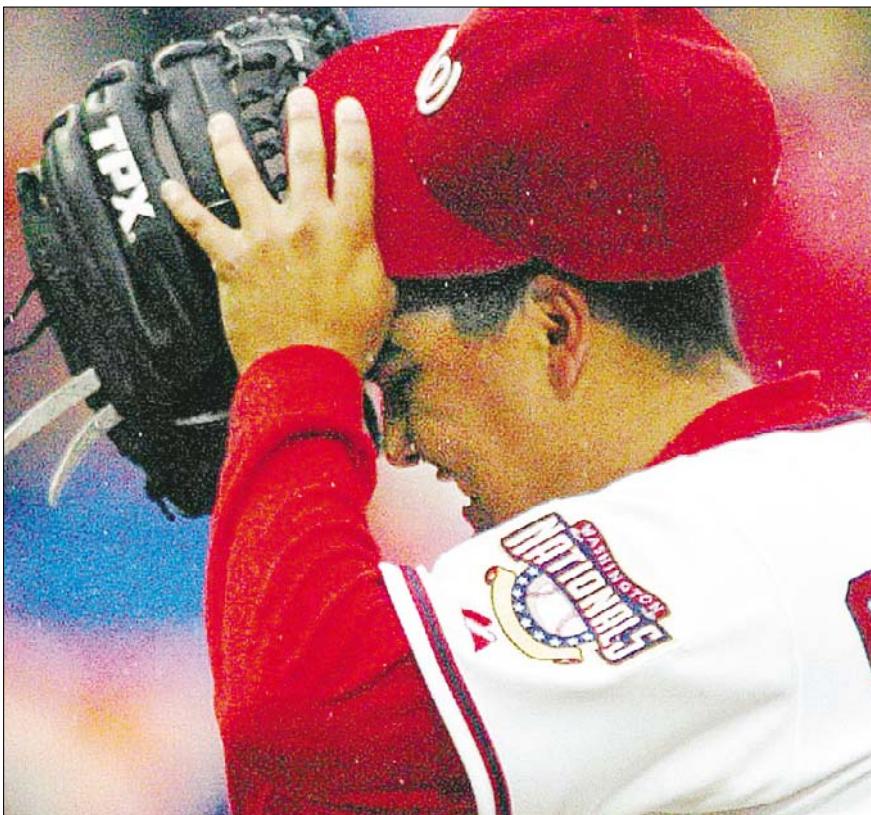
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JONATHAN ERNST/REUTERS

NO RELIEF: Nationals reliever Chad Cordero holds his head after blowing a save against the Braves at a rain-soaked RFK Stadium on Thursday. The Braves loaded the bases in the ninth, and two men scored on a throwing error as the Nats lost 2-1. ♦ **Station break:** Nats cable deal hits a snag | **Page 11**

Introducing 'Generation Rx'

NEW YORK | About one in five teens have tried prescription painkillers such as Vicodin and OxyContin to get high, with the pill-popping members of "Generation Rx" often raiding their parents' medicine cabinets, according to a study by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

The 17th annual study on teen drug abuse, released Thursday, found that more teens had abused a prescription painkiller in 2004 than Ecstasy, cocaine, crack or LSD. One in 11 teens had abused over-the-counter products such as cough medicine, the study reported.

"For the first time, our national study finds that today's teens are more likely to have abused a prescription painkiller to get high than they are to have experimented with a variety of illegal drugs," said Partnership Chairman Roy Bostock. "In other words, Generation Rx has arrived."

The most popular prescription drug abused by teens was Vicodin, with 18 percent reporting they had used it to get high. OxyContin and drugs for attention-deficit disorder such as Ritalin/Adderall followed at 10 percent. (AP)

ACADEMIA | Tenure Quack For more than a year and a half, Checklin Vaifale, 35, posed as a psychology professor at the University of Oregon. He dressed the part, carried a briefcase and frequented Straub Hall, home of the psych department — until



police arrested him on suspicion of criminal impersonation this past week. Investigators said he wanted to develop friendships with the students, and that prior to posing as a prof, he pretended to be a student himself. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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Civilian Chopper Downed

11 dead; posted video shows execution of crew member

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Insurgents brought down a Russian-made helicopter carrying 11 civilians with missile fire north of the capital Thursday and said they captured and shot to death the lone crew member who survived. The dead from the crash included six American bodyguards for U.S. diplomats.

The chartered flight was believed to be the first civilian aircraft shot down in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion two years ago.

The Islamic Army in Iraq militant group claimed the attack in a written statement posted on the Web with a video purporting to show the shooting of the survivor.

In the video, which shows burning wreckage and two charred bodies, militants come across an injured man wearing a blue flight-suit lying in tall grass. They tell him to stand and then shout, "Go!" As he starts to hobble away, holding his hands up toward them, the gunmen then open fire, shouting, "Allahu akbar," or "God is great," with the bullets hitting his body. They fire more shots into his body on the ground.

The authenticity of the video, posted on a Web forum often used by militant groups, could not be confirmed.

The helicopter had three Bulgarian crew-members, according to the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry. The six Americans were employed by Blackwater Security Consulting — a subsidiary of North Carolina-based security contractor Blackwater USA, four employees of which were slain and mutilated by insurgents in Fallujah a year ago. THOMAS WAGNER (AP)

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STANK

Bloom Fume

This titan arum lily at London's Royal Botanical Garden maybe pretty, but that clothespin on your nose is going to hurt. The rare 6.9-foot-tall Sumatran plant has a 169-pound corm, or underground stem, and flowers for only two days before collapsing. It also has a hideous smell, said to be a cross between burnt sugar and rotting flesh. (AP)

CHRIS YOUNG/AP

TEENAGERS

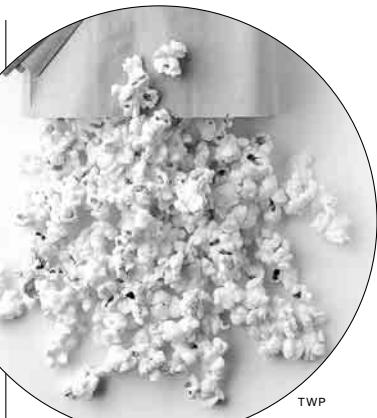
Mom, I Got Carded by The Sears Bouncer!

Every kid knows hanging out with Mom or Dad can be kind of a drag. Kids who want to spend time at the Pheasant Lane Mall in Nashua, N.H., on weekend nights might not have a choice. From 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., mall security guards stand outside two entrances to make sure anyone under 16 has a parent or someone over 21 with them. Fliers stating the mall "code of conduct" were printed two weeks ago in response to the large groups of teenagers who have been hanging out — not shopping — at the mall on Friday and Saturday nights. If the parent can't accompany the child during those times, they are asked to take the youngster home. Not all parents liked the new policy. Says Stacey Donovan: "God knows what they'll be doing if they're not at the mall." (AP)

RESEARCH

Thank You, Prof. Redenbacher

Rock-hard kernels can be found at the bottom of almost any bag of popcorn. But their days may be numbered: Purdue University scientists say they've discovered why some popcorn won't pop. Unpopped kernels have leaky hulls that prevent the moisture pressure buildup needed for them to pop and lack the optimal hull structure that allows most kernels to explode. "If too much moisture escapes, it loses its ability to pop and just sits there," said professor



TWP

Bruce Hamaker. The research will be published in an upcoming issue of the journal BioMacromolecules. (AP)



RECYCLING

It's Poo You Can Use

Creative Paper Tasmania is gearing up to launch "Genuine Roo Poo" paper, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation report-

ed. Made of kangaroo dung, the paper is drawing interest from all over the globe, said employee Joanna Gair; the company has taken more than 50 bulk and 150 individual orders. In addition to conveying an ecological message about recycling, "there's a real giggle factor," she said. "It's made out of poo, but also it's so Aussie." (EXPRESS)



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RAP SHEETS: A worker at the Texas plant that prints more than half the nation's paper currency stole up to \$700,000 over seven years by stuffing his pockets with folded sheets of \$20 and \$50 bills, a Secret Service agent testified Thursday.



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In Brief



Neighbors and family console each other at the site of the deadly blaze.

HUMPHREY, ARK.

Fire Ravages Mobile Home, Killing 5 Young Boys, Mom

Flames roared through a mobile home, killing five young boys and the mother of two of them as anguished neighbors tried in vain to help. No one escaped. Investigators did not know how the blaze began Wednesday evening. A neighbor said he heard two explosions. State police spent much of Thursday morning going through the home's electrical junction box. (AP)

CHARLEVOIX, MICH.

Man Allegedly Shot Fellow VFW Member to Hide Theft

A 79-year-old leader of a Veterans of Foreign Wars post was shot to death, allegedly by a fellow VFW member trying to cover up the theft of money from the group, authorities said. David Edward Goldstick, 57, was arraigned on a murder charge Thursday and ordered held without bond. World War II veteran Hubert William Brady was shot to death Tuesday in a garage the post had used as a makeshift office. (AP)

House Approves Broad Energy Bill

Plans for oil drilling among measures likely to be resisted in Senate

WASHINGTON | The House of Representatives approved an energy bill Thursday that would open an Alaska wildlife refuge to oil drilling and shield makers of a contentious gasoline additive from environmental lawsuits.

Both issues probably will meet strong opposition when the Senate takes up the legislation.

The bill also would funnel more than \$12 billion in tax breaks and subsidies to energy companies, but opponents said that largesse would do little to reduce energy use.

A proposal to require higher fuel economy for cars was rejected.

The bill was approved 249-183 with 41 Democrats joining the Republican majority.

Rep. Joe Barton of Texas, a Republican, read the size of the Democratic support as a sign this year's legislation might fare better in the Senate than the bill that was

defeated there two years ago.

The Senate was expected to develop its bill in the coming weeks. Differences between the House and Senate versions would have to be hammered out in a conference.

President Bush wants an energy bill by this summer, and Senate leaders promised to move swiftly.

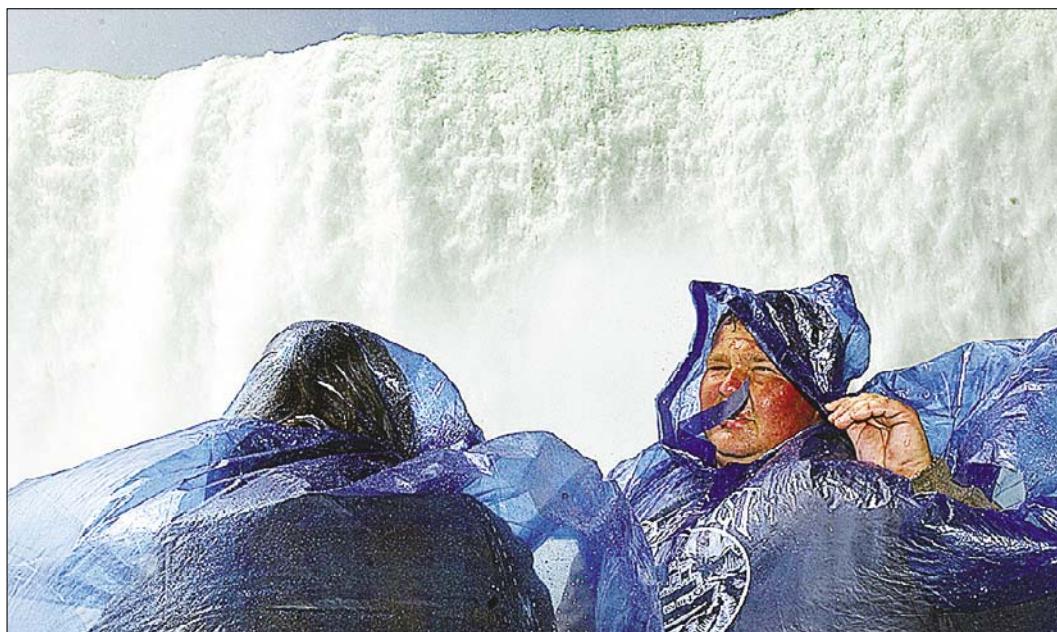
Among its provisions to promote energy savings, the bill would offer tax breaks for homeowners to install more energy efficient windows and insulation.

H. JOSEPH HEBERT (AP)

SPRINGING FORWARD

➔ Included in the energy bill is a measure to expand daylight-saving time by two months, so it would start on the first Sunday in March and end on the last Sunday in November. It now starts in early April and ends in late October. "We all just feel sunnier after we set the clocks ahead," said Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., who along with Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., helped get the measure into the bill. (AP)

NIAGARA FALLS | THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE



DAVID DUPREY/AP

MISTY-EYED: Brytt Lucas, right, and his wife, Diana, of Cincinnati, stay dry using souvenir raincoats while celebrating their 15th anniversary with a boat ride from Niagara Falls, N.Y., to the base of the Horseshoe Falls on Thursday.

Senate OKs \$81B In Spending for Iraq, Afghanistan

WASHINGTON | The Senate on Thursday overwhelmingly approved \$81 billion for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in a spending bill that would push the total cost of combat and reconstruction past \$300 billion.

Both the Senate and House versions of the measure would give President Bush much of the money he requested. But the bills differ over what portion should go to military operations.

The Pentagon says it needs the money by the first week of May, so Senate and House negotiators are expected to act quickly to send the president a final version of the spending bill. (AP)



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FUND RAISING: A 17-year-old suburban Seattle youth was arrested this week on suspicion of arranging the theft of his \$50,000 BMW M3 so he could use the insurance money to upgrade to a pricier Bentley, the Seattle Times reported. Police said four others arrested Tuesday for the theft had implicated the teen.

Judicial Fight Edges Closer

Senate filibuster battle looms large as GOP advances 2 candidates

WASHINGTON | Republicans took a step Thursday toward a Senate confrontation over filibusters of President Bush's judicial nominees by advancing two of the White House's favored candidates for prospective votes.

By sending Texas judge Priscilla Owen and California judge Janice Rogers Brown to the full Senate for confirmation, GOP senators now have two of the candidates



Brown



Owen

they want to use to challenge the Democrats' threat to filibuster U.S. Appeals Courts candidates.

Democrats blocked them from lifetime seats on the nation's second highest courts during Bush's first term, but they were renominated by the president in November.

Democrats — who want to block the two women again because they are too conservative — agree that a confrontation with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., over whether to ban judicial filibusters is imminent following the strictly partisan votes in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid has vowed to slow or halt Senate action on much routine business if the GOP bans judicial filibusters and forces up-or-down votes in which nominees could be confirmed by a bare majority.

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FROM TUSK 'TIL DRAWN: Asia, a 9,000-pound Asian elephant that performs with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's Circus, paints pictures in Philadelphia on Thursday that will be auctioned off at a local fundraiser.

Sergeant Convicted of Attacking U.S. Troops

Akbar faces possible death penalty after military jury's verdict

FORT BRAGG, N.C. | An Army sergeant was convicted Thursday by a military jury of premeditated murder and attempted murder in a grenade and rifle attack that killed two of his comrades and wounded 14 others in Kuwait during the opening days of the Iraq war.

Hasan Akbar, 34, now faces a possible death penalty, which the 15-member jury will consider at a hearing that begins Monday.

Prosecutors say Akbar told investigators he launched the attack because he was concerned U.S. troops would kill fellow Muslims in Iraq.

The verdict came after 2 1/2 hours

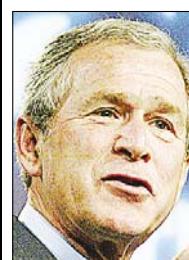


GERRY BROWN/AFP
Army Sgt. Hasan Akbar's sentence will be considered at a hearing on Monday.

of deliberations following seven days of testimony in a court-martial — the first time since the Vietnam era that an American has been prosecuted on charges of murdering a fellow soldier during wartime.

Defense attorneys acknowledged that Akbar carried out the attack, but argued he was too mentally ill to have premeditated it. (AP)

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Senate Approves Negroponte as First Intel Czar

WASHINGTON | John Negroponte won easy approval by the Senate on Thursday to become the nation's first national intelligence director, a job created last year to better coordinate the nation's spy agencies following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and other intelligence blunders.

Within 45 minutes of his approval, Negroponte was sworn in at a White House ceremony attended by President Bush.

Negroponte, 65, has called this his "most challenging assignment" in government service. The Senate voted 98-2 to give the former Iraq ambassador the job. (AP)

Today in The Washington Post

Doctor's Out: When U.S. hospitals need urgent CAT scans, MRIs, and ultrasounds late at night, they are turning to doctors in India and other far-flung locales. | *Page A1*

Horsing Around: Maryland could lose its 130-year grip on the Preakness Stakes because of its refusal to legalize slots, Gov. Robert Ehrlich said Thursday. | *Metro*

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ONLINE ID: The European Union head office said Thursday the ".eu" domain name should be operational by next year, allowing businesses and citizens to create an EU-wide Web identity. It will not affect use of the national domain names for EU countries.

Pope Keeps Vatican Hierarchy Intact

Benedict projects confidence, warmth to faithful

VATICAN CITY | Pope Benedict XVI made a seamless transition of church leadership Thursday by reappointing the entire Vatican hierarchy from the last papacy while showing increasing signs that he is not the aloof and dour prelate that many anticipated.

He waved and smiled at crowds gathered along the short stretch between the Vatican gates and his old apartment, where he spent some time in the afternoon. "Viva il papa!" some shouted. The pope, dressed all in white, raised both hands in a greeting.

His schedule also shows hints of the symbolic gestures that were at the heart of John Paul II's reign: a meeting with journalists Saturday, an outdoor Mass to formally take

the papal throne Sunday and a visit Monday to a church built over the tomb of St. Paul — an apostle who carries deep significance for Roman Catholics and Christian Orthodox.

In the first days of his papacy, the 78-year-old Benedict has projected two clear styles.

One was expected: the confident and well-prepared Vatican insider who was one of John Paul's closest advisers for more than two decades. His decisions on the top-level posts came quickly — some popes have struggled for weeks — and showed continuity with his predecessor.

The second image emerging — a humble and welcoming pastor — has caught many off guard. The pontiff's name, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, became syn-



ARTURO MARINI/REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI waves as he leaves his former residence in Rome Thursday.

onymous among Catholics with the church's strictest factions and earned him nicknames that played off his German background, such as "God's rottweiler." BRIAN MURPHY (AP)

THE DIGITAL POPE

Pope Benedict XVI is making a splash in the digital world:

THE PONTIFF'S GOT MAIL

Pope Benedict XVI now has a papal e-mail address. The Holy See hasn't said how many messages the pope has gotten, but the late John Paul II often had an inbox jammed with prayers, problems and pet peeves. The address: BenedictXVI@vatican.va

AN ADDRESS TO REMEMBER

An enterprising soul from Ontario, Canada, has put PopeBenedictXVI.com up for sale on eBay. Bidding surpassed \$1,175. (AP)



A pontiff's roots: How Pope Benedict's hometown grappled with Nazi rule, responding with resistance and resignation | **Today's Washington Post, A Section**



THE FRAUD OF MEN WAS EVER SO: One of the best-known portraits of William Shakespeare, known as the Flower portrait, is a fraud, painted 200 years after the playwright's death, experts at Britain's National Portrait Gallery said Thursday. "We now think the portrait dates back to around 1818 to 1840," curator Tanya Cooper said. Shakespeare died in 1616. (AP)

In Spain, Gay Marriage Bill Passes Key Vote

MADRID, SPAIN | The lower house of the Spanish Parliament approved the Socialist government's gay marriage bill Thursday, a major step toward making traditionally Roman Catholic Spain the third European country to legalize same-sex marriages.

The bill, which also will pave the way for gay couples to adopt children, will now go to the Senate — where the Socialists have ample support — for final approval in the coming weeks.

Belgium and the Netherlands are the only two other European countries that have legalized gay marriages. Representatives of gay and lesbian groups cheered and applauded from the chamber's public gallery when the vote result was read out. The bill passed by a 183-136 vote, with six abstentions.

The bill reflects the radical

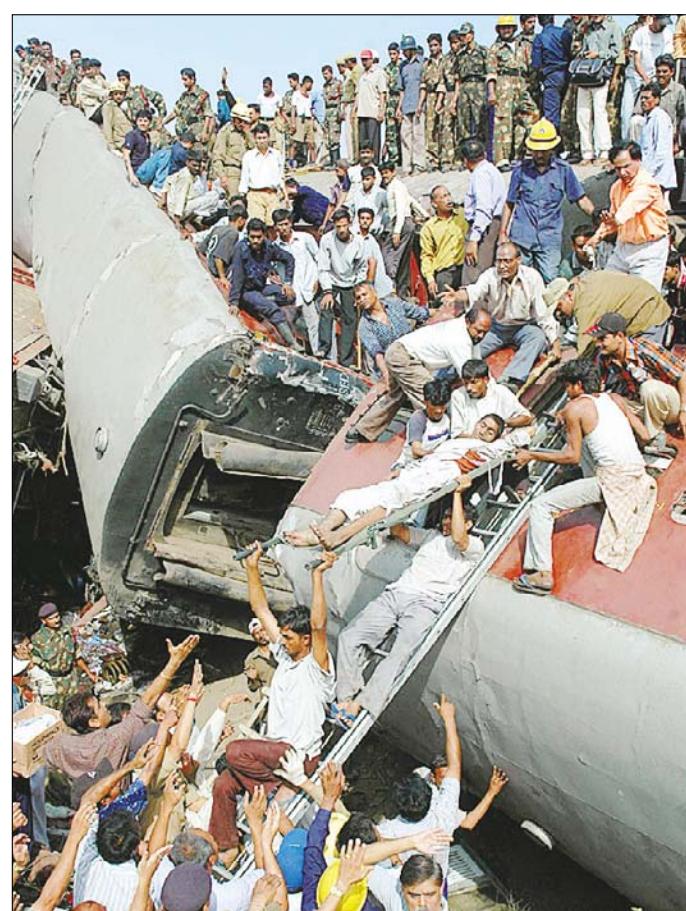


ANDREA COMAS/REUTERS

A political worker kisses his boyfriend in front of the parliament building in Madrid after Thursday's vote.

change in recent decades in Spain, for centuries a bastion of the church. According to Madrid's Cardinal Antonio Maria Rouco Varela, while 80 percent of Spaniards consider themselves Catholic, half ignore church teachings, and religion for most is more of an inherited tag than a way of life. CIARAN GILES (AP)

INDIA | DEADLY COLLISION



DIVYAKANT SOLANKI/AP

RESCUE EFFORTS: Volunteers carry the body of an injured person from the wreckage of a train accident at Sambalpur village, in Western India, Thursday. At least 24 people were killed and 94 injured when a crowded passenger train departing from a pilgrimage site slammed into a parked cargo train.

In Brief

SAUDI ARABIA

Clashes in Mecca, Jiddah Kill 2 Militants, 2 Officials

Islamic militants clashed with Saudi security forces in Islam's holiest city of Mecca and nearby Jiddah, killing two militants and two policemen Thursday as the kingdom held a final round of municipal elections. The bloodshed was the latest in Saudi Arabia's two-year crackdown on al Qaeda-linked militants opposed to the ruling family, a campaign that authorities have said they were winning with the killings of several high-level suspects over the past month. (AP)

LITHUANIA

Rice: Belarus Election Offers Opportunity for Change

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told Belarusian dissidents Thursday she thinks an end to authoritarian rule in their country is within reach. After meeting with the seven dissidents, Rice said next year's presidential election in Belarus offers "an excellent opportunity" to focus on the need for credible elections in the country, a pro-Russian former Soviet republic led since 1994 by President Alexander Lukashenko. Rice drew a rebuke from Russia's foreign minister after she said Wednesday it was "time for a change" in Belarus. (AP)



Rice

HAITI

U.S. Weapons Flowing To Haiti Despite Embargo

The United States has quietly given thousands of guns to the Haitian National Police and is moving to approve the sale of thousands more despite a 14-year arms embargo and allegations the force is corrupt, brutal and responsible for unjustified killings, U.S., U.N. and Haitian officials said this week. The officials said police are outgunned by gangsters and must be better armed. The State Department is preparing to notify Congress that it wants to permit U.S. companies to sell the Haitian police \$1.9 million worth of equipment. (AP)

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World



BROKE HEARTS: Organizers of Berlin's Love Parade said Thursday that financial problems have forced them to cancel the techno music festival for the second straight year. Launched in 1989 as a procession of 150 ravers, the parade peaked in 1999, drawing 1.5 million people.

Brazil Takes In Ecuador's Ex-Leader

Asylum sparks public outrage; legality of ouster questioned

QUITO, ECUADOR | Brazil has granted asylum to former President Lucio Gutierrez, who was ousted by Congress amid street protests calling for his removal for abuse of power. But many Ecuadorans were outraged Thursday by his escape into exile.

Gutierrez, who had sought refuge in the Brazilian Embassy, was granted asylum on Wednesday, Brazilian Ambassador Sergio Florencia told Radio Caracol in Bogota, Colombia.

"We are taking the necessary steps with the Ecuadorian Foreign Ministry to finalize procedures to obtain his safe conduct and his transfer to Brazil," Florencia said, adding that he hoped it would occur as soon as possible.

Brazilian President Inacio Lula da Silva told his Chilean counterpart, Ricardo Lagos, that he was sending a plane to Quito to retrieve Gutierrez and bring him to Brazil.

Meanwhile the Organization



ON THE MOVE: Ecuadorian soldiers pass a group of children on their way to guard a government building. Protests continued Thursday, a day after lawmakers voted to oust President Lucio Gutierrez, replacing him with the country's vice president.

of American States questioned the legality of his removal from power and demanded an explanation from the government within 24 hours.

Lawmakers swore in Vice

President Alfredo Palacio to replace Gutierrez on Wednesday, and he immediately promised to hold a referendum and constitutional assembly to create a new

state structure.

Gutierrez was the third Ecuadorian leader forced from office in the past eight years for misconduct. MONTE HAYES (AP)

Judge: Baby Should Be Allowed to Die

LONDON | Rejecting a bid by the parents, a British judge on Thursday upheld a court order allowing doctors to let a critically ill baby die if she stops breathing — a move doctors say is the only humane way to end the child's suffering.

Eighteen-month-old Charlotte Wyatt can hardly see or hear and

weighed about a pound when she was born prematurely. Her brain and other organs are so seriously damaged that she has "no feeling other than continuing pain," according to physicians.

Darren and Debbie Wyatt, who believe in preserving life at any cost, sought to overturn a court order

granted in October.

But Justice Mark Hedley was not persuaded by the parents' pleas.

"I am quite clear that it would not be in Charlotte's best interests to die in the course of futile aggressive treatment," Hedley ruled Thursday at London's High Court.

Hedley said he would review the order again, probably in October.

SUE LEEMAN (AP)

HEARSAY | GAZA PULLOUT



"The disengagement will be carried out. Whoever thinks this will open the way to delays ... is simply wrong."

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Spain to Try 24 in 9/11 Case

MADRID, SPAIN | They led quiet lives as immigrant businessmen or laborers, raising kids and blending into Spanish society. But on Friday, 24 men — mostly Syrians and Moroccans — will go on trial as suspected members of an al Qaeda cell charged with using their new homeland as a staging ground for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The trial culminates a lengthy inquiry by Baltasar Garzon, Spain's top anti-terrorism magistrate, who started arresting Sept. 11 suspects just two months after hijacked jets struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Under Spanish law, terrorism is classified as a crime that can be prosecuted here even if it is alleged to have been committed elsewhere.

One of the defendants' lawyers, however, insists Spain lacks jurisdiction because proceedings are under way in the United States — against French citizen Zacarias Moussaoui. He has yet to go on trial. (AP)

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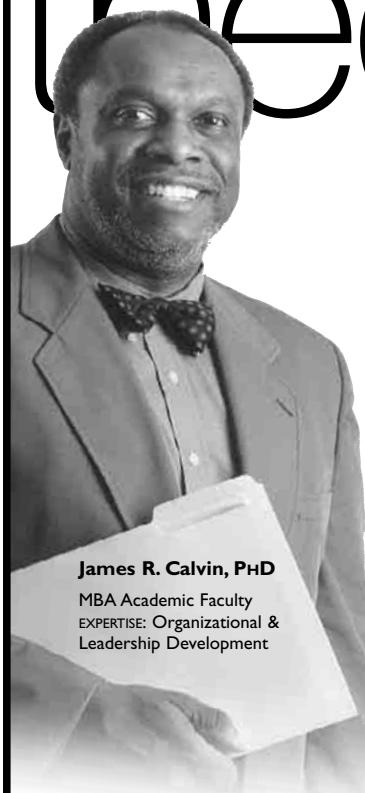


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Local

Guilty Plea in the Murder of Alston

Killer faces up to 24 years in slaying of D.C. cabinet member

WASHINGTON | The suspect in the death of a member of Mayor Anthony A. Williams' cabinet pleaded guilty Thursday to murder.

William M. Parrott, Jr., 38, admitted to second-degree murder while armed with a knife in the death of Wanda R. Alston, 45, the mayor's special assistant for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender affairs.

"I am ashamed and sorry," Parrott told District of Columbia Superior Court Judge Judith Retchin.

He went on to say that he killed Alston on March 16 after a "binge of smoking crack cocaine, marijuana and alcohol." He said he took a knife from his kitchen, went two doors down to Alston's Northeast

Washington home, and stabbed her.

Alston, he said, "never done anything to me."

Parrott then stole Alston's keys, drove her car and used her credit cards to sell gasoline to people in Maryland and the District. He used the cash from these sales to "continue to get high" on crack cocaine.

Parrott confessed to the crime after he was arrested.

In a statement, Williams said he was "gratified that the police and prosecutors were able to bring this case to a close so quickly."

Parrott was initially charged with first-degree murder while armed with a knife. The second-degree charge to which he pleaded carries a maximum of life in prison. But voluntary sentencing guidelines call for 12-24 years if a person has no criminal background.

Parrott will be sentenced on July 29. **TERESA DICKIE BRANSCOME (AP)**

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BLOSSOM: Tulips in front of the White House clearly enjoying this week's rise in temperatures, as they continue to bloom on Thursday in D.C.

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RUGGED TERRAIN: Metro's board approved plans Thursday to spend \$1.5 million to replace worn-out carpeting in about 200 rail cars by next summer. Metro usually does the work in-house, but lacking employees to speed the process, it will now use a contractor.

Local

Comcast Sues to Keep O's

Joint-venture network airing Nationals games challenged in lawsuit

BALTIMORE | Comcast SportsNet sued the Baltimore Orioles and the new Mid-Atlantic Sports Network on Thursday over television rights to Orioles games.

In a suit filed in Montgomery County Circuit Court in Rockville, Comcast asks that the Orioles, MASN and Major League Baseball be prevented from negotiating or licensing local pay TV rights to Orioles games. The suit also seeks to stop the Orioles and baseball from operating the joint venture of MASN.

The Orioles and baseball agreed last month on a deal that will allow games involving the new Washington Nationals to be televised.

The Orioles and Nationals formed MASN, a joint venture backed by baseball, to allow fans in the Baltimore-Washington market to watch both teams.

The Orioles have two years remaining on their contract with Comcast SportsNet to produce and televise about 80 Orioles games a season, The Washington Post reported when the deal was announced. Starting in 2007, Orioles games would also be produced by Mid-Atlantic Sports Network, The Post said. KASEY JONES (AP)

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School Mourns Loss of 2 Students

Community holds memorial for children killed in Va. bus crash

ARLINGTON, VA. | A small memorial of flowers and stuffed animals clung to a signpost in steady rain Thursday along Columbia Pike — as a community grappled with the deaths of two young children.

Harrison Orosco, 7, is the latest victim of Monday's school bus collision with a trash truck along the busy four-lane road that runs through Arlington County. The boy died Wednesday night at Children's Hospital in Washington.

"It's dispiriting to say the least," Schools Superintendent Robert G. Smith said outside Hoffman-Boston Elementary School, where Harrison was in second grade. "We're just



Family friends place flowers on a tree outside the home of Harrison Orosco.

very, very sad."

Orosco was a "happy, warm and loving" boy who enjoyed soccer and science, said Laurie Granger,

a friend who spoke on behalf of the family.

Harrison never regained consciousness after the crash, the family

said. Nine-year-old Lilibeth Gomez, who was in third grade, died Monday at the scene of the collision.

A short distance away, a stream of mourners attended a wake for



Orosco

Lilibeth at the Arlington Funeral Home. The girl's funeral is scheduled for Friday.

"It's very sad what happened," said

Ramon Gutierrez, a family friend. He and others urged officials to make sure that school buses were safer for students.

Investigators have said it could take weeks to sort out what caused the crash — and whether seat belts would have made a difference.

BRIAN WESTLEY (AP)

Split Metro Board Opt For New Diesel Buses

WASHINGTON | Metro Board members got into a bitter battle over buses Thursday. When the smoke cleared, they voted to buy up to 117 diesel buses and 100 diesel-electric hybrids.

Members determined to buy Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses tried every tactic they could think of to halt the purchase.

Jim Graham unsuccessfully attempted to delay it for a month, saying the purchase violates a new District of Columbia law.

Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan offered a compromise that would have bought one

extra bus for the same \$116 million. That motion failed in a 3-3 tie.

Then, board member Chris Zimmerman offered an amendment requiring the new diesels meet those 2007 pollution standards. But that amendment also failed 3-3.

Most of the buses will go to Montgomery County, but Zimmerman believes it came down to Gov. Robert Ehrlich wanting diesel. "I hope we have another reversal in Annapolis that will result in air my children can breathe," said Gordon Linton, a nonvoting Metro Board member from Montgomery. (AP)

Endangered Primate Dies at the Zoo

WASHINGTON | A golden lion tamarin died Wednesday night at the National Zoo.

Officials at the zoo said the endangered small primate had chronic liver and gall bladder disease for several months.

Several attempts to save it failed, and veterinarians are unsure what

caused the disease that led to the animal's death.

The golden lion tamarin was five-years-old, which is about three years short of the normal life expectancy for one in captivity.

The primates are native to Brazil. (AP)



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Money

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The value of a deal announced Thursday for Comcast and Time Warner — the No. 1 and No. 2 players in the cable TV industry, respectively — to buy the assets of bankrupt cable company Adelphia Communications.

Greenspan Gives Deficit Warning

Fed chief says tax hike will likely be part of plans to rein in budget



STEPHEN J. BOITANO/AP

WASHINGTON | Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Thursday that his support for tax cuts in early 2001 unintentionally encouraged policies that helped swing the federal budget from surplus to record deficits. In addition, he said for the first time explicitly that he expected tax increases to be part of any bipartisan agreement on deficit reduction.

But Greenspan, responding to questions during a Senate Budget Committee hearing, said it was unfair for critics to ignore the warnings in his January 2001 congressional testimony that the surplus forecasts might be wrong, and his recommendation of some "trigger" mechanism that would limit tax cuts if certain budget targets were not met.

The comments came at a hearing

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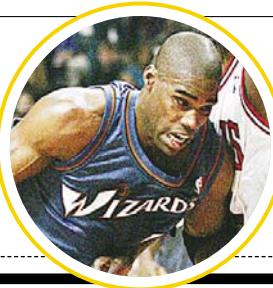
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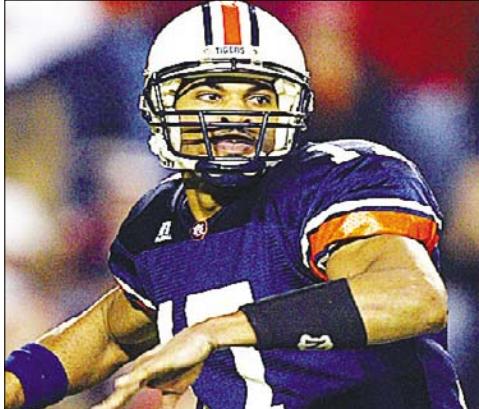


WIZARDS

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At a Loss: Guzman's error in the ninth costs Nationals a series sweep of Braves | **16**



CARLOS OSORIO/AP; ROGELIO SOLIS/AP; JOEL RICHARDSON/TWP; JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

BASEBALL | Heavy Duty The struggling New York Yankees will pay the price for losing, literally. Initial projections by the commissioner's office based on opening-day rosters have the Yankees owing \$30,637,531, according to information obtained this week by The Asso-



ciated Press. That's more than the Tampa Bay Devil Rays payroll. The only other team projected to owe a tax is the Boston Red Sox, which would pay \$969,177. Going into Thursday night, the Yankees were just 6-9, one game ahead of last-place Tampa Bay in the AL East. (AP)

Sports Weekend

TV Lineup

→ **PLAYOFFS:** Yes, Washington, there is an NBA post season. And this year, the Wizards make their return after an eight-year absence when they face the Chicago Bulls on Sunday (5:30 p.m. on TNT and Comcast) in the Windy City.

→ **MEET THE METS:** With their nine-game home stand behind them, the Washington Nationals take a short flight to New York for a three-game



PITCH MAN: Tom Glavine will start against the Nats on Friday in New York.

series against the Mets. On Friday (7 p.m. on UPN20), Esteban Loaiza is set to face Tom Glavine. On Saturday (1 p.m. on UPN20), Tomo Ohka takes on Kaz Ishii. Then on Sunday (1 p.m. on UPN20), Livan Hernandez goes against Victor Zambrano.

→ **KICK BALL:** D.C. United hosts the New England Revolution on Saturday (7:30 p.m. on Fox Soccer Channel) in a rematch of last year's classic MLS semifinal.

→ **PICK 'EM:** Will Alex Smith be the 49ers choice for the No. 1 pick? Will the Redskins trade up? Will Mel Kiper's hair move? Find out all the answers during the NFL draft on Saturday (noon on ESPN).

→ **ROUND TWO:** New Hall-of-Famer Vijay Singh is the defending champion of the Houston Open, which concludes on Sunday (3 p.m. on CBS) in Humble, Texas.

→ **HOT DATE:** Shaq may play for the Heat vs. the Nets in Game 1 of their playoff series Sunday (3 p.m. on ABC).

A Big Splash

Can the Redskins fix a troubled offseason with a strong draft?

REDSKINS | The Washington Redskins' tempestuous offseason reached comical proportions this week when a front office official misspoke in his own press release. Much will be forgotten if the team can hit the jackpot with its two first-round draft picks.

After a trade with the Denver Broncos, the Redskins have the ninth and 25th selections in Saturday's draft. Given that they have two pressing needs — cornerback and receiver — they now have the flexibility to pull off whatever trades are needed to get the player or players they want.

The top cornerbacks available are Miami's Antrel Rolle, West Virginia's Adam "Pacman" Jones and Auburn's Carlos Rogers. Rolle will probably be gone at No. 9, leaving Jones and Rogers as the most likely choices.

Gauging the 25th pick is tougher. Top receiver prospects Braylon Edwards of Michigan, Mike Williams of USC, Troy Williamson of South Carolina and Mark Clayton of Oklahoma aren't expected to last that long, although Reggie Brown of Georgia or Alabama-Birmingham's Roddy White could still be around.

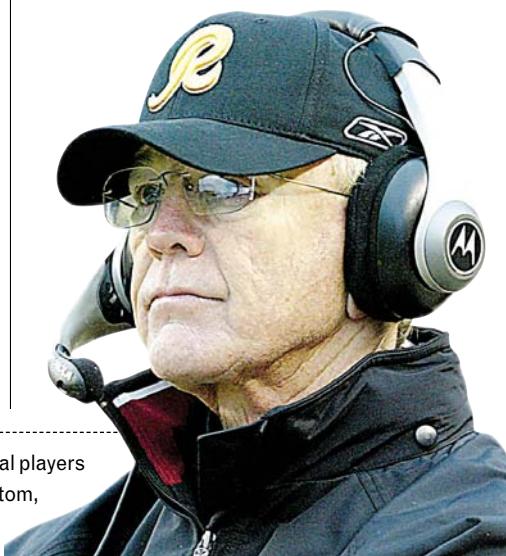
Recent speculation has the Redskins targeting quarterback Jason Campbell of Auburn. Coach Joe Gibbs wouldn't rule out selecting a quarterback, but he made it clear Patrick Ramsey is the starter.

Rather than discuss players available this week, Gibbs, vice president of football opera-

tions Vinny Cerrato and owner Dan Snyder spent much of their briefing talking about a string of offseason sagas that hit a new level when Cerrato said the team won't trade its pick, but then Gibbs said they are open to any option.

In effect, a winter of discontent has turned into a spring of disarray for the Redskins. Demands for trades from receivers Laveranues Coles and Rod Gardner were followed by the loss of Fred Smoot and Antonio Pierce. Then came a biting accusation against the coaching staff from star linebacker LaVar Arrington, who said his knee injury was mishandled.

Even so, Gibbs maintained that the Redskins' offseason dramas are par for the course. "Which way are we going?" Snyder added. "We think we're going in the right direction." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



ON THE MARKET: Joe Gibbs, right, has his eye on several players as the NFL draft approaches, including, from top to bottom, QB Jason Campbell, CB Adam Jones, CB Antrel Rolle and WR Braylon Edwards.

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Redskins Keep Picking Poison

LET'S SEE IF I'VE GOT THIS STRAIGHT.

One area team is about to start the playoffs and another is running around in confusion as the draft approaches. And the good team is the Wizards, while the Redskins have us all holding our breath to see what mistake they'll make next.

Where are we, Bizarro Washington?

The sad reality is that this week's actions at Redskins Park are par for the course of late.

After years of landing the big prize of free agency, Joe Gibbs and company made more noise this off-

season by losing Antonio Pierce and Fred Smoot. So now they want to make up for it in one fell swoop, as shown by this week's trade for the No. 25 pick in

the NFL draft.

Now the team will either package the No. 9 and No. 25 picks to move up to take Michigan's Braylon Edwards or stand pat and hope quarterback Jason Campbell is around late in the first round.

Edwards is probably their likely target. Washington has always been enamored with high-profile wide receivers coming out of college.

How's that worked out?

Desmond Howard made a name for himself returning kicks for the Green Bay Packers. Michael Westbrook's now a cage fighter. And Rod Gardner has been just as adept at dropping passes as he is at catching them.

Cynicism aside, going for Edwards is smart. He's apparently a major talent and the Redskins do need a good receiver.

But then again, why do I keep expecting them to draft Kwame Brown?

Matt Swenson, a lifelong Washingtonian, is the sports editor of Express.

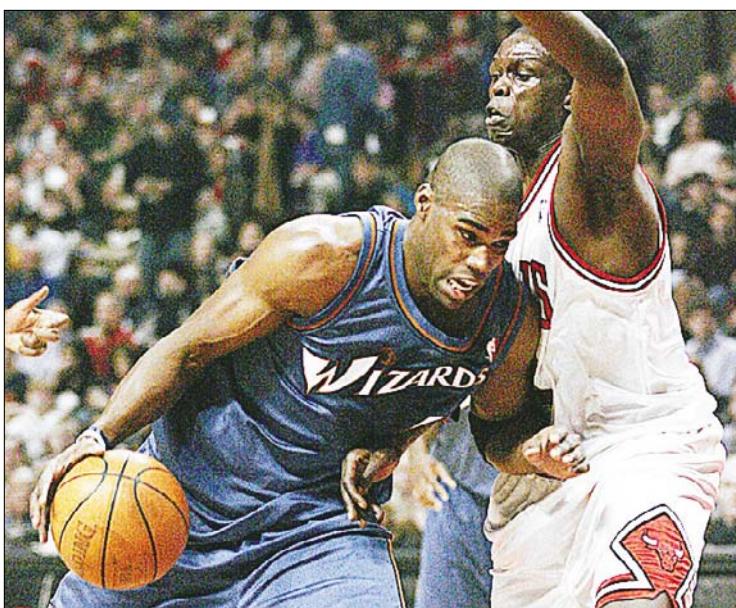
Chicago Hope

Wizards seek to match regular season success vs. Bulls in the playoffs

WIZARDS | The long wait for the Washington Wizards is finally over. So is the long wait for the Chicago Bulls.

As the Wizards prepare for their first playoff series, they'll be looking at a team notable in its similarities to themselves. Both teams have broken out of years of embarrassment, defying expectations all season long and, in the process, uncovering once-improbable superstars.

The Wizards enter the series with the confidence of playing at full strength. During the regular season, they took two of three games from Chicago, and their one loss came while the team was without star shooting guard Larry Hughes, whose breakout season has been one



Antawn Jamison averaged 17 points per game against the Bulls this season.

of the Wizards' driving forces all season. All three of Washington's big guns — Hughes, point guard

Gilbert Arenas and power forward Antawn Jamison — have put a hurting on Chicago when

given the chance: Arenas is averaging more than 30 points a game against them this season; Hughes is averaging more than 20 points a game; and Jamison more than 17 points a game.

But the Bulls still have weapons that the Wizards must prepare for. Point guard Kirk Hinrich averaged more than 20 points a game in three meetings against Washington. And shooting guard Ben Gordon, playing off the bench in each game, has poured in an average 17 points. And although many think Chicago's play-off hopes went down with Eddy Curry — out for the season with an irregular heartbeat — power forward Othella Harrington has been a respectable presence.

The Wizards best game plan looks to be staying the course. Arenas, Hughes and Jamison got them to where they are now, and unless the Bulls have drastically learned from their previous mistakes, there's no reason to suspect the threesome will not dominate in the first round.

"Our job is not done," Jamison said. "I just enjoy this situation. This is what basketball is all about."

CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

A Classic Rebound For Area

After losing Jordan as a sponsor, Cap Classic goes ahead on Friday

PREP SPORTS | Yes, Virginia, there is a Capital Classic. And, yes, Maryland and D.C., you too, can believe. The 32-year old hardwood ritual, momentarily perched on the verge of extinction, has been rescued.

The prep star showcase has been a Washington staple for more than three decades, thanks to the dedication of event organizer Bob Geoghan, CEO of Sports America, Inc. After the Jordan Brand, a division of Nike, opted to no longer provide sponsorship for the game, Geoghan was determined that the game live to see another day, so he partnered with Corrigan Sports Enterprises of Baltimore, the organization that runs the Charm City Classic.



O'Connell's Marcus Ginyard will play for UNC after the Capital Classic.

The game annually gives premier local and national high school seniors one last chance to display their talents before leaving the high school ranks. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Jason Kidd and LeBron James. This year's participants include Marcus Ginyard of Bishop O'Connell, who's committed to play for North Carolina.

The event, which takes place today at George Mason University's Patriot Center, will consist of a 6 p.m. game between the District All-Stars versus the Suburban All-Stars, and an 8 p.m. game between the Capital All-Stars and the U.S. All-Stars. TRISSY NEALE

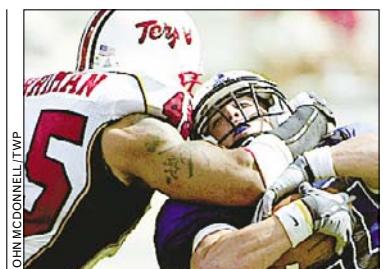
Merriman Set To Bank on NFL

NFL DRAFT | As a quarterback has been taken with the first pick of every NFL Draft since 2001, tomorrow at noon the San Francisco 49ers will likely draft Utah QB Alex Smith, much to the chagrin of Maryland OLB/DE Shawne Merriman.

"It happens every year that somebody goes in front of somebody else they don't feel they should go in front of them," Merriman said earlier this week. "But whether you're the number one or number 32 pick, you're just happy to be that team's first-round pick."

Merriman, who gave up his senior season to enter the draft, is projected to go anywhere between picks three and 15, which would make him the highest-drafted Terp in history. His most likely destination is Dallas, which has the 11 pick.

Where Merriman gets drafted will significantly affect the



Shawne Merriman is expected to be drafted by the Cowboys on Saturday.

contract he eventually receives. Redskins safety Sean Taylor, who was the highest-drafted defensive player last year with the fifth pick, signed a six-year contract worth a maximum of \$40 million. New York Jets linebacker Jonathan Vilma was drafted 12th and signed a five-year, \$10.3 million contract.

Merriman is well aware his life is about to change. "I came from the opposite of where I'm about to end up," he said. BRENDAN LOWE

Weekend | Sports

Nats Get Soaked in the 9th

Playing on wet field, Guzman's error results in 2-1 loss to Braves

NATIONALS | The rain that began before the first pitch and never relented turned RFK Stadium's infield into a messy mix of mud and puddles by the time Cristian Guzman crouched for Raul Mondesi's bases-loaded grounder with two outs in the ninth inning.

The Washington Nationals' shortstop gathered the wet ball without a problem, but his throw skipped past first baseman Nick Johnson and into the visiting dug-

out, allowing two runs to score and helping the Atlanta Braves rally to win 2-1 Thursday.

"I'll tell you one thing: I'm just glad nobody got hurt out there. It was so bad out there on the field — tough to run, tough to play defense," Nationals second baseman Jose Vidro said.

Asked whether he thought play should have been stopped, Nationals manager Frank Robinson said: "I have no control over that. I can't tell the umpires to stop the game. It's up to them."

Between innings, workers dumped extra dirt from bags and buckets on the mound, in the bat-



Terrelle Pryor avoids a tag at first in the Nats' 2-1 loss to the Braves Thursday.

ter's boxes and around the infield. Vidro said he hopes groundskeepers will make improvements while the Nationals are out of town the next three days.

Since the Nats' home opener a week ago, there have been concerns about the softness of the mound, and keeping the field in top shape is made harder because the stadium also is used by D.C. United.

Guzman wouldn't speak to reporters. But Robinson called the infield's condition "horrible," and third baseman Vinny Castilla said: "I've never played in an infield like that in the big leagues."

It was the first loss of the season for Washington's bullpen, which entered leading the majors with a 5-0 record. The team also had been 5-0 in games decided by one or two runs. HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

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United Finds Defensive Help

Undrafted Boswell emerges as a force for the MLS champions

UNITED | With All-Star Ryan Nelsen departed, projected starters Bryan Namoff and Brandon Prideaux injured and a dearth of experienced defenders on the roster, many expected D.C. United eventually to announce a big-name signing to anchor its back line.

Instead, that signing is rookie Bobby Boswell, a relatively unknown college player who was not even drafted.

Referred to MLS champion United (1-1-1) by coaches familiar with his play at Florida International, Boswell trained on his own and was signed to a developmental contract in March. He suddenly was thrust into the starting lineup in the season opener.

His play as the central defender in United's three-back set hasn't been perfect, but the defender's

composure, skill and adjustment to the professional game has surprised his coaches.

Aided by Boswell, United's defense is ranked first in MLS (two goals yielded in three league games) heading into Saturday's home match against New England (1-0-1).

On Wednesday, Boswell was rewarded with a full-time professional contract and a coveted spot on United's 18-man senior roster. He is one of three on that roster to have not missed a minute of league play this season.

"I don't really look at it in that manner," Boswell said of his circuitous route to MLS. "I'm glad to be contributing to the team's success and, with that, happy that my club recognizes my contributions. I don't plan to stop working, though."

BRIAN STRAUS



Boswell



WHO KNEW? The Washington Mystics hired Richie Adubato on Friday as their coach, the team's eighth in eight seasons. Adubato spent 5 1/2 seasons with the New York Liberty, leading the team to three conference titles before he was fired in July last year. He was previously an NBA head coach with the Detroit Pistons, Dallas Mavericks and Orlando Magic. (AP)



TELEVISION

Host With the Most: William Sanderson talks about acting drunk and being on cable as the slimy hotelier in HBO's 'Deadwood.' | 16

Keep an Ear Out

Nicole Kidman might be hearing things in 'The Interpreter'

FILM | So much is right about "The Interpreter" that it's easy to forgive the fact that the essential story is a static assassination plot whose climax hits with a dull thud.

For most of the way, it's a thoughtful melodrama crackling with sophisticated dialogue and understated suspense, a refreshing reverse of the bruising bombast of today's typical thriller.

The movie's first half presents a riveting dynamic between Nicole Kidman as a U.N. translator who overhears a death threat and Sean Penn as the chief fed on the case.

Kidman plays Silvia Broome, who grew up in the fictional African nation of Matobo, whose liberator-turned-despot, President Zuwanie

(Earl Cameron), is about to address the United Nations amid accusations of genocide against him.

One of those anonymous translators in the glass booths, Silvia overhears a cryptic exchange uttered in a rare language she happens to speak, which she interprets as a death threat against Zuwanie.

Federal agent Tobin Keller (Penn) and partner Dot Woods (Catherine Keener) lead the investigation, initially skeptical of Silvia's story and halfway convinced she has an agenda of her own.

As the agents come to take the interpreter at her word, a fascinating bond develops between Silvia and Tobin, each bearing old or new emotional wounds whose symmetry feels a bit forced and convenient.

Unfortunately, the storytelling turns lazy near the end. The film establishes at the outset that an innocent glitch such as a malfunc-

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LOST IN TRANSLATION: Kidman's character believes she has overheard a death threat against a head of state, spoken in an obscure African language.

tioning metal detector will prompt authorities to disrupt U.N. proceedings, evacuate the joint and send in the bomb-sniffing dogs.

After that sequence, it's just silly

down the homestretch to have the place crawling with feds convinced someone's about to pop Zuwanie, yet allow business as usual to continue. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



'Hustle': Hi, Karate

A kinetic kung-fu sendup has more action than emotion

FILM | Stephen Chow's "Kung Fu Hustle" is a live-action cartoon, a breathless collection of pratfalls and insane action that holds barely a trace of real emotion.

It's a fun cartoon at times. Writer-director-performer Chow is more a whirligig than an actor as he bumbles through frantic misadventures so wildly crafted they would fit right into a *Road Runner*-Wile E. Coyote smackdown.

Clever as they are, the elaborate fights and martial-arts stunts grow



MEN OVERBOARD: Stephen Chow flies through the air with the greatest of ease.

wearisome. Lacking a strong human element, "Kung Fu Hustle" turns into one long gag reel, a visual marvel with no dramatic payoff.

Set in China before the communist revolution, "Kung Fu Hustle" presents Chow ("Shaolin Soccer") as the arrogant, sniveling wannabe

Sing, a petty crook trying to gain a position among his city's elite crime mob, the Axe Gang.

Sing's pathetic pose as one of the mob's protection-racket collectors draws the real Axe Gang's attention to Pig Sty Alley, a festering ghetto that crime bosses had previously ignored as worthless territory.

Incognito among the neighborhood's seemingly helpless denizens are a handful of true martial-arts masters who battle the Axe Gang's thugs, prompting an escalating series of confrontations between the good and bad guys.

Chow's order-out-of-chaos stunt work has drawn comparisons to the physical comedy of silent-movie great Buster Keaton, though here, the filmmaker relies heavily on digital effects to craft his action, adding to the movie's cartoon feel.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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RICK WASSER
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Modern Maturity

'A Lot Like Love' is a lot like a charming romantic comedy

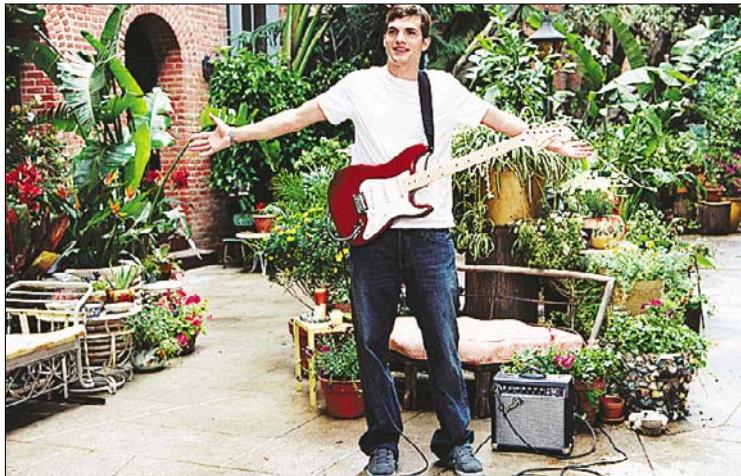
FILM | Ashton Kutcher is an easy target.

He's pretty, he's popular. He has a hit TV series and a hot girlfriend (Demi Moore). The "Dude, Where's My Car?" star's previous attempt at being taken seriously — last year's "The Butterfly Effect" — was met with nearly universal critical derision.

But Kutcher should silence the cynics in "A Lot Like Love."

He shows unexpected depth and range as the slightly nerdy half of a star-crossed "When Harry Met Sally ..." -style duo, opposite the lovely, slightly bohemian Amanda Peet.

Kutcher has a stillness about



BENGLASS

PITCHING WOO: TV prettyboy Ashton Kutcher can't seem to stop serenading women in his recent movies, and the women can't seem to stop falling for it.

him we've never seen before, considering he's made his name with a jittery brand of comedy, and he effectively uses the softness of his brown eyes to express vulnerability.

Even his voice sounds deeper. Peet, meanwhile, has an effortlessly sexy energy.

Their characters, Oliver and Emily, repeatedly meet each other

over a seven-year period and form an easy, comfortable friendship that morphs into an amorphous romance.

They could have been sitcommy opposites, but director Nigel Cole ("Calendar Girls") and screenwriter Colin Patrick Lynch never turn them into easy types. It's also refreshing to watch them spend time together without neurotically analyzing what they mean to each other.

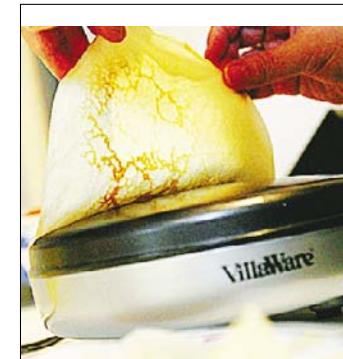
But this is a romantic comedy, so inevitably you have some conventional trappings of the genre. There's a crucial New Year's Eve party and the obligatory meddlesome friends (Kathryn Hahn and Ali Larter). And the film climaxes at a wedding, complete with misunderstandings.

But when Oliver awkwardly serenades Emily in hopes of winning her heart — with Bon Jovi's "I'll Be There For You," a great high-school make-out ballad — it's actually a poignant moment.

That's just another pleasant surprise in a movie full of them.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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FRIDAY

ANTIBALAS AFROBEAT ORCHESTRA, at 9:30 Club, is the perfect cure for those bored with the same cheesy dance beats. The 15-member troupe's funk-tastic blend of Nigerian afro-beat and Latin rhythms electrifies dance floors.

Australia's **BEN LEE** generated enormous amounts of buzz in the mid-'90s as a precocious 14-year-old phenom and his now-over relationship with Claire Danes only fueled the publicity machine. Head to Black Cat to see if the sometimes-precious singer-songwriter transcends the hype that always seems to nip at his heels.

Only the Grateful Dead could inspire a tribute band like **DARK STAR ORCHESTRA**, at State Theatre, that covers entire concerts by the jam-band legends — song-for-song and note-for-note. Jam on.

SATURDAY

MICHAEL PENN, at Iota with **JIM BOGGIA**, might be outshone by his movie-star brothers Sean and Chris and his singer-songwriter wife Aimee Mann, but his quirky personality has translated into a few remarkably tex-



ELVIS LIVES: Punk's angry young man has become a concept-album machine.

tured albums of folk-pop.

Local pop-rockers **KENIN** come to the 9:30 Club for an early gig. After clearing out the stray sandals and wayward ballcaps, the club reopens at 11 p.m. for **BLOWOFF**, the regular dance party DJed by post-punk legend **BOB MOULD** and **RICHARD MOREL**.

Black Cat is hosting an alt-rock version of venerable Adams Morgan club Heaven and Hell. While the main room hosts the cheekily-titled Cryfest: The Cure vs. The Smiths, the backstage features Bliss, an indie dance party with **DJ WILL EASTMAN** and special guest **DJ NAME NAMES**.

THE CLARKS, at the Birchmere with Tim O'Brien, have been churning out accessible roots-rock with memorable hooks for 18

years. A brief flirtation with major label MCA in the '90s didn't break them to a national audience, but they still make reliable albums and perform solid live shows.

SUNDAY

It's tough to be a devout Christian in the indie rock world. At Black Cat, **DAMIEN JURADO** — like Pedro the Lion's David Bazan — avoids Christian rock stereotypes and weaves his faith into bare-boned, melancholy folk tunes.

ELVIS COSTELLO takes his Deep South concept album, "The Delivery Man," to Baltimore's chronic exclamation point-abuser Ram's Head Live! If you can't make it this weekend, Costello returns to the area this summer to play at Wolf Trap with Emmylou Harris. PETER DENTON

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THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R, 89 minutes) Ostensibly a remake of the 1979 cheese-ball horror classic, it's really more like "Frankenstein" — a little piece of this movie here, a little piece of that movie there. It's as reminiscent of "Amityville" number one as it is of "The Shining," "The Exorcist," "Poltergeist," "Stir of Echoes," "The Sixth Sense," "Hide and Seek," "The Grudge" and a thousand other latter-day frightfests. Not to say it's bad. It is what it is, which is pretty scary, a little bit funny and very, very derivative. (MO)

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (PG-13, 143 minutes) This movie version of Lloyd Webber's smash hit distracts the mind and cajoles the eyes to the point that one doesn't really care that everything the ears are hearing is pure nonsense. The whole thing feels breathless and exhilarating, even if, at the end, one can't be sure why any of these characters — including Emmy Rossum as the soprano Christine, Minnie Driver as the diva Carlotta and Gerard Butler as the Opera's resident Phantom — persisted in their various amours and ambitions. (PHILLIP KENNICOTT)

APOLLO CINEMA PRESENTS: A PROGRAM OF ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATED SHORTS 2005 (unrated, approximately 100 minutes) These eight films (including Alexander Woo's animated, student Academy Award winner for 2004, "Rex Steele: Nazi Smasher") are good, and some just super. The best animated film, also an Oscar winner, is Chris Landreth's "Ryan," a tour-de-force computer-animated portrait of Ryan Larkin, an influential Canadian animator who lives in poverty after struggling with years of drug and alcohol abuse. And two live-action shorts really stand out: "Wasp," a Mike Leigh-toned drama about a poor single British mother who's determined to jump-start her romantic life; and Taika Waititi and Ainsley Gardiner's stunning "Two Cars, One Night," a New Zealand short featuring three amazing child performers. (DT)

THE AVIATOR (PG-13, 169 minutes) This film biography of Howard Hughes (Leonardo DiCaprio) is hugely entertaining in a very specific way — its primary appeal is its speed. It rushes along from scandal to air crash to movie romance to Senate hearing, each anecdote well realized but never tarried over. Director Martin Scorsese loves Hughes the Legend, and



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the movie vividly deploys the three playthings that sum up Hughes' life: hot air-planes, mediocre movies and beautiful dames. "The Aviator" is great glamorous fun, but it's moving so fast you don't notice some of the shortcuts and bad choices. (SH)

BE COOL (PG-13, 105 minutes) This follow-up to 1995's "Get Shorty" finds John Travolta's hustler, Chili Palmer, having made so much dough in pictures that he's now just in it for the gig-

its humor playing off foolish white folks and gay stereotypes. And booty jokes, of course. Queen Latifah is stylist Gina Norris, who scrapes together the money to buy an aging storefront for her own shop. That's pretty much the plot. This is a story dependent upon the laughs generated by those frank-as-all-get-out conversations to be had inside the beauty shop. (JENNIFER FREY)

BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG, 105 minutes) Friendless, isolated Opal (AnnaSophia Robb), new to a small Southern town with her preacher father, meets Winn-Dixie, a scruffy, huggable dog that she names after the grocery chain when she finds him running amok. The film chronicles the summer when Opal and Winn-Dixie cobble together a quirky community of friends. "Winn-Dixie" is that rare youngsters' movie in which the happy ending is hard-won, and that much more triumphant when it comes. (AH)

BORN INTO BROTHELS (unrated, 85 minutes) British photographer Zana Briski comes to Sonagachi, the red-light district of Calcutta, and teaches photography to the children of prostitutes. As these boys and girls learn how to frame pictures, load film and accept Briski's techniques, they also learn to see their world differently. The movie is really about changing the perspectives of eight children in a hopeless world. (DT)

BRIDE AND PREJUDICE (PG-13, 111 minutes) Gurinder Chadha, the British-Punjabi filmmaker who made "Bend It Like Beckham," has Bollywoodized Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" into an East-meets-West musical. The



LOST BOY: A portrait of the artist Ryan Larkin as seen in the short, "Ryan."

gues. What makes him giggle this time is singer Linda Moon (Christina Milian) whom he decides to make a star. It's — hmmm, less than good, a little better than not bad, almost all right. All the plots are sloppily squished together and unified only by Travolta, oozing charm, gump-tion and ruthlessness. (SH)

BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13, 105 minutes) A spinoff from the popular "Barbershop" films, this is mildly amusing and occasionally laugh-out-loud funny, with much

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a hostage in the course of a tense stand-off. But by the time Willis' character saves this considerably long day, it's filmgoers who will no doubt feel like prisoners, as a movie that promises to be a taut nail-biter devolves into a kind of silly, overblown climax. (AH)

HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13, 110 minutes) Filmmaker Terry George isn't interested in giving Western audiences a case of the guilts. Instead, he has made a film about one man's complicated and finally courageous response to his country's descent into madness. That man, Paul Rusesabagina (Don Cheadle), sheltered more than 1,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus at the hotel where he was manager during the crisis. But the great strength of "Hotel Rwanda" is that it's not about superhuman heroism but simply about human decency. (AH)

ICE PRINCESS (G, 92 minutes) This Disney figure-skating movie, though somewhat bland, is a feel-good infusion for your little darling (or pack of darlings) who could use an uplifting fantasy about a sweet-natured science geek (Michelle Trachtenberg) who braves intimidating odds and gets her glory moment on the ice. Apart from appreciating the joys and ecstasies of triple axels and Lutes, Trachtenberg is the warm center of the movie, an unspoiled charmer and a sweet princess to root for. (DT)

MELINDA AND MELINDA (PG-13, 100 minutes) Give Woody Allen credit for ambition. Nearly anyone can fail at one movie; he's chosen to fail at two simultaneously. It would help greatly, however, if we could tell the two movies — a comedy and a tragedy — apart. The tragedy is not particularly tragic except in rote recitation of what came before, the comedy not particularly comic. (SH)

MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13, 137 minutes) Clint Eastwood's movie is not only a tribute to boxing but also to the old-time movies and fiction devoted to it. It's a gut-stirring tall tale about a boxer (one buff Hilary Swank), her crusty trainer (Eastwood) and the wily old boxing gym proprietor (Morgan Freeman) who narrates the story. Sign on for this movie and you are in a different world, where the rules are simple: Hit first and hit hard, or kiss the canvas. Sometimes you do all the right things and you still end up face-down in your own blood. (DT)

MILLIONS (PG, 98 minutes) In Danny Boyle's delightful modern fairy tale, two young English brothers discover a bag of money. Anthony, the 9-year-old (Lewis Owen McGibbon), wants to spend it. But



THE DOCTOR IS IN: Will Smith is his usual charming self in the comedy "Hitch," in which he plays a sought-after "date doctor" who needs a love script of his own.

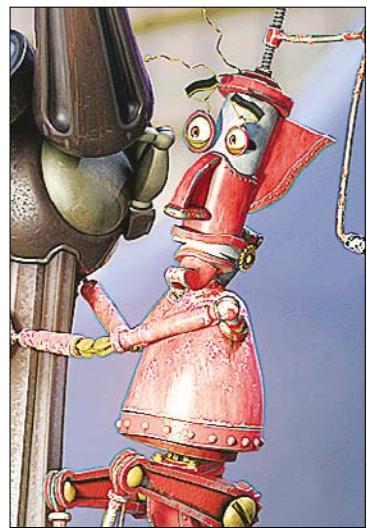
7-year-old Damien (Alexander Nathan Etel), who happens to experience regular visions of saints, insists on giving it to the poor. Reality is seen from a young perspective, but there is no condescension in the exercise. (DT)

MISS CONGENIALITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS (PG-13, 107 minutes) Even Sandra Bullock's brand of gutsy goofiness can't save this glaringly unfunny sequel to 2000's "Miss Congeniality," itself a pretty laughless affair about a tomboyish, crude FBI agent who gets a makeover so she can go undercover as a beauty pageant contestant. For much of the movie, Gracie is so infuriatingly

obnoxious, it's hard to be on her side. (JEN CHANEY)

OFF THE MAP (PG-13, 111 minutes) Promising newcomer Valentina de Angelis plays Bo Groden, an 11-year-old girl living with her parents, Arlene and Charley (Joan Allen and Sam Elliott), in the middle of nowhere. Aging hippies, Arlene and Charley live off the grid like a modern-day Swiss Family Robinson. It's summer, 1974, and Charley is in the depths of a depression, fueling Bo's longing to get out. The arrival of an IRS agent sends things into improbably cathartic directions, but the landscape is beautiful, and director Campbell Scott makes every frame of this quirky family melodrama reflect the almost mystical effect New Mexico's plateaus and deserts have on their human inhabitants. (AH)

OLDBOY (R, 120 minutes) When he's mysteriously captured and held for 15 years, businessman Oh Dae-su (Choi Min-Sik) makes it his obsessive mission to find who was behind it. The movie, which won the Jury Prize at Cannes, tantalizes and tortures you as it lures you into its mysterious vortex. It's very bloody, and it takes looking beyond the violence to realize the power of Choi's performance. There is a conclusion to all this, an existential punch line that explains everything in a climactic pileup of melodramatic detail. But whatever you make of that, you will leave this movie shocked, shaken and surprising-



METAL MACHINES: Fender squares off against a lamppost in "Robots."

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ly moved. (DT)

THE PACIFIER (PG, 94 minutes) Vin Diesel gets domestic as a Navy SEAL who must protect a fatherless family from ninja forces bent on finding a special disk in the home. This means — cue canned laughter here — Vin dealing with baby vomit, screaming kids and petulant teenagers. There's nothing endearing about Diesel, whose woodenness would put Pinocchio to shame. Contains slapstick violence and Vin Diesel. (DT)

THE RING TWO (PG-13, 111 minutes) This sequel to 2002's "The Ring" doesn't have the oomph of the original, but it's not without its creepy qualities, thanks to direction from Hideo Nakata. (He made "Ringu," the original Japanese ghost story on which both American films were based.) Naomi Watts reprises her role as the journalist who is trying to keep one step away from a videotape that kills whoever watches it. This is a campy scream-a-thon in which you can alternate between freaking out



ALL'S QUIET: Grief (these infantrymen were in the Korean War) and other emotions are explored in "Voices in Wartime," which takes a poet's-eye view of battle.

and laughing out loud at some of the sillier moments. (DT)

ROBOTS (PG, 95 minutes) As a piece of production design, "Robots" is the aces. There's so much to see and plenty of time to see it, because the story won't pre-occupy you and the characters have the personalities of toasters. It begins with a delirious concept: a human-free world of

machines. The issues in play are planned obsolescence vs. perpetual repair. Big Business prefers the former, for the new upgrade units increase profits; the common-man bots prefer the latter, because they want to retain their essential identities. Yes, it's really a movie about can openers with souls who worry about going to can opener retirement villages

and living on can opener social security. And if it could be worse, it could be better. (SH)

SAHARA (PG-13, 124 minutes) Indiana Jones, Matthew McConaughey is not. But he has been to the gym. This seems to be the essential glory in this woeful action film. As master explorer Dirk Pitt (from Clive Cussler's book series), he's determined to unearth an ironclad battleship from the Civil War era (Steve Zahn and Penelope Cruz are his sidekicks) that somehow wound up near Africa's Niger River. But he's even more determined to flex his assets and play tough on boats, trains and camels. It's not a movie, it's a training session. (DT)

SCHULTZE GETS THE BLUES (PG, 114 minutes) When taciturn German polka accordionist Schultze (Horst Krause) hears a burst of zydeco music on the radio, everything changes. Thanks to a free ticket to a polka festival in Texas, he flies to America. And it isn't long before he's left the polka festival behind and is floating through the bayous on a shrimp boat. It's a charming film, not just a guy's visit to another culture but something of a spiritual journey. (DT)

SEVEN SAMURAI (unrated, 207 minutes) Possibly the best-orchestrated ensemble action flick ever made, this 1954 Japanese black-and-white classic is a breathtaking flurry of movement, images and sounds, with majestically staged fight sequences choreographed and edited by director Akira Kurosawa. "Seven Samurai" remains the gold standard of its genre, begetting an American version, "The Magnificent Seven," and boasting slow-motion battle scenes that surely influenced "The Wild Bunch." (DT)

SIDEWAYS (R, 124) Miles (Paul Giamatti) is an Everynerd who started out with promise and somehow got off track. Giamatti's middle school English teacher's idea of a good time is retiring with a glass of pinot noir. He agrees to go on a road trip with another loser, his college buddy Jack (Thomas Haden Church), a soap star who was once sorta famous. So they drive up and around Santa Barbara county, squabbling and sucking back wine. Eventually they take up with two women: Stephanie (Sandra Oh) and Maya (Virginia Madsen). There's not a false note here, and the supporting cast is uniformly excellent. (TW)

SIN CITY (R, 126 minutes) You could call this a pure product of the American death cult. It celebrates revenge of the most violent sort, it features heroes who don't merely kill but mutilate and torture enemies, its view of women is primeval. So do you say this film is perverse and should be banned for it will fascinate all the impressionable young with its aggressive nihilism? Or do you say it's so gorgeous and seductive, you just have to let it be what it is? I have no idea. (SH)

STATE PROPERTY (R, 94 minutes) This film was not screened for review. It stars Ol' Dirty Bastard, Michael Bent and Cam'ron in a drama about gangsters vying for control of the Philadelphia streets.

THE UPSIDE OF ANGER (R, 116 minutes) In Mike Bender's edgy tragicomedy, suburban housewife Terry (Joan Allen) dives into the bottle when her husband suddenly leaves her. But the gloom that enfolds her, as well as her four daughters by osmosis, starts to clear when boozy neighbor Denny (Kevin Costner) becomes romantically interested in Terry. Costner's a snakish charmer as the indolent, ultimately sensitive Denny. And Allen is outstanding as the inebriated Terry, whose senses are intoxicated but never dulled. (DT)

VOICES IN WARTIME (unrated, 74 minutes) The words often pack as powerful a wallop as the archival war footage in this documentary on war poetry that examines verse from Homer's "Iliad" to that written by contemporary poets protesting the war in Iraq. While there certainly exists poetry that glorifies battle, most of what the film addresses clearly does not. That's because, as Sam Hamill, who founded the group Poets Against the War, observes, most poets are "humanists." (DT)

WALK ON WATER (unrated, 94 minutes) The black-and-white moral world of an assassin (Lior Ashkenazi) working for Israel's Mossad intelligence agency starts to look mighty gray when his assignment to track down and terminate a fugitive Nazi leads him to befriend the old man's grandchildren, a pretty young German woman living on a kibbutz (Caroline Peters) and her gay brother (Knut Berger). Eytan Fox's film is rich with ideas about what ethical living means, making connections between homophobia, Nazism and the desire for — and spiritual costs of — revenge. It's a beautiful, complex film about friendship, letting go of the past and embracing forgiveness. (MO)



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THE UPSIDE OF ANGER (R)

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THE RING TWO (PG-13)

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ROBOTS (PG)

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DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN

(PG-13) 1:25, 4:20, 7:30, 10:25

THE PACIFIER (PG)

1:20, 4:25, 7:05, 9:30

HITCH (PG-13)

12:35, 3:50, 7:20, 10:10

ICE PRINCESS (G)

1:45, 4:10

MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13)

12:05, 6:25

HOSTAGE (R)

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Television

Wild Western

William Sanderson
went from sitcom
wacko to mayor of hellROLE OF A LIFETIME | HBO has
begun airing the second season of
"Deadwood" (Sun., 9 p.m.) and, if
it's anything like the first, the show
will continue to be a raw and pro-
vocative look at the Old West dur-
ing the late 1870s.The cast is filled with colorful
and dedicated character actors,
including William Sanderson as
the town mayor, cunning and a bit
doltish. The mayor and the actor
who plays him add a spark of humor
to a sometimes gruesomely dramat-
ic show.Sanderson first found TV suc-
cess in 1982. He had transferred
his interest in law to acting, and
after some theater work, was cast
in a small role as Larry, brother of
Darryl and Darryl, on "Newhart.""They wrote the character of
Larry into the show for one epi-
sode during the first season," said
Sanderson. "The live audience
responded very warmly to the
character, so they wrote us back
in. The second season they doubled
our appearances, and then by the
third season we were series regu-
lars. I based Larry on a number of
characters I played in New York,
my grandfather, and a few bums
I talked to on the street. I wore all
this layered clothing like the rural
Southerners do, and I even chewed
tobacco for a while, which disgustedA TOWN WITHOUT PITY: Sanderson's E.B. Farnum is the mayor of Deadwood
by default, a drunk by choice and a con man as a matter of economic expedience.

everybody on the set."

With "Deadwood," Sanderson
continues to perfect the art of
the soulful degenerate. Although
his character, E.B. Farnum, is the
mayor and local innkeeper, he
spends most of his time slumped
over the town bar. "I've always
loved to play drunks," the actor
said, "because I get to not care
what anyone thinks."Although Sanderson has
worked steadily since his break
with "Newhart," he appreciates
the risks that are allowed on an
HBO production. "They seem
to give us all a lot more leeway.
... There is a real mutual respect
between the actors and the crew,
and I love that, because you know
one jerk can really mess it all up."

PAMELA BOCK (BACK STAGE WEST)

Apocalypse Scores Big

NUMBERS | The ratings are in, and it
seems that for every "Revelations"
there's a "Stacked," unless it's the
other way around.The pilot episode of NBC's six-
part series about the end of the
world (that's the one not called
"Stacked") garnered 15.6 million
viewers last week, but it finished in
— dum, dum, dum — 13th place.

The Fox sitcom about a busty

Oh, "Stacked" because it's a bookstore!
Not because of the star's volumes.babe (Pamela Anderson) on the
loose in a bookstore (that's the one
not called "Revelations") attracted
only 8.3 million pairs of eyes.Still, it retained a good deal of
the audience that had been watch-
ing "The Simple Life: Interns."The prospect of "Revelations,"
meanwhile, so exalted the viewers
that they sat through the tired old
carcass of a drama that is "Law &
Order" in anticipation, allowing
"L&O" to slay "CSI: NY," David-
like. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

THE NEW DEMOCRACY: With Fox's "Arrested Development" on the renewal fence, fans have put up a Web site demanding the network renew the prime-time quirkfest. According to published reports, www.getarrested.com, is owned, organized and promoted by ... Fox.



Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

GOD VS. VIACOM

On the second-season finale of **JOAN OF ARCADIA** (Fri., 8 p.m., CBS), the Almighty informs our plucky high-schooler that her first two years have been mere training for the battle to come with a man with an unholy agenda. Tonight's real cliffhanger involves the fate of the show itself as the networks prepare to announce their new schedules.

IF THEY'RE SO SMART, THEY CAN AT LEAST HELP REBUILD

TSUNAMI: ANIMAL INSTINCTS (Sat., 8 p.m., Animal Planet) Shot on location in the tsunami-ravaged regions of Sri Lanka and Thailand, the show offers accounts of animal behavior preceding the killer waves and how some species can sound an alarm and avoid catastrophe.

THAR SHE BLOWS

Scottish geologist Iain Stewart hosts the six-part series **HOT ROCKS** (Fri.-Sun., 9 p.m., Science). He offers informed theories of how volcanoes and earthquakes and the hot rocks, steaming water and minerals they produce shaped history and myth, and may even explain tales from the Old Testament.



SCIENCE CHANNEL

"Hot Rocks" sounds interesting, but we're tuning in for Stewart's accent.

PUT DIRTY DISHES IN OVEN

DECORATING CENTS (Sat., 8:30 p.m., HGTV) The show's title, "100 Ideas Under \$100," says it all. Covering 100 ideas in 60 minutes affords you 36 seconds per suggestion, minus commercials. Some of these notions aren't even worth that much time. Idea number 51 suggests you make an ottoman out of a mini exercise trampoline. How ... interesting. Still, "Cents" deserves credit for accentuating creativity over mere shopping.

AN EVIL TWIN, MAYBE? LOCKED IN THE MALL OVERNIGHT?

LIVING WITH FRAN (Fri., 9:30 p.m., WB) Fran attends Riley's reunion. For the record, it has taken only four weeks for the writers of "Fran" to rely on the hackneyed high school reunion plot. What's next, amnesia?

WHO BROUGHT THE BBQ SAUCE?

HOGZILLA (Sun., 8 p.m., National

Geographic) The show travels to rural Georgia, where a hunter claims to have killed and buried a wild hog weighing more than 1,000 pounds. When forensic experts finally unearth the mythic piggy, the figures come up a bit short, but the legend never stops growing.

WINGS OF DOOM

LOCUSTS (Sun., 9 p.m., CBS) In an opening scene, Lucy Lawless ("Xena") is seen in a bra. She angrily puts on a sweater and snaps at her husband, "Dan, we both knew what it meant when I accepted the position as Undersecretary of Agriculture!" Lawless plays Maddy Rierdon, an expert on voracious insects. Her know-how gets a workout when a mad scientist engineers a hybrid breed of super-locusts. Soon, America's heartland becomes a potential snack buffet for hungry super-freaks. What's an under-dressed Undersecretary of Agriculture to do?



CBS
GOING BUGGY: An Undersecretary of Agriculture's work is never done.

TAKE A BITE OUT OF PINE

Speaking of voracious insects, **EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION** (Sun., 8 p.m., ABC) offers help to desperate house owners on the receiving end of a termite attack. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS		WRC (4) News	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Dateline NBC (1) (CC)	Third Watch (N) (1) (CC)	Law & Order: Trial by Jury "The Line"	News (CC)	News	A Current Affair	Seinfeld (1) (CC)	Tonight Show	
	WTTG (5) The Simpsons (1)	The Simpsons (1)	Friends (1) (CC)	Seinfeld (1) (CC)	★ ★ "Maid in Manhattan" (2002) Jennifer Lopez. Premiere. (1) (CC)	Hope & Faith (1)	Hope & Faith (1)	20/20 (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	(35) Nightline		
	WJLA (7) News (CC)	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos (1)	Hope & Faith (1)	Hope & Faith (1)	NUMB3RS "Dirty Bomb" (N) (1) (CC)	News (CC)	Late Show			
	WUSA (9) News (CC)	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Joan of Arcadia (Season Finale) (N)	JAG "Dream Team" (N) (1)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	Every-Raymond	Dharma & Greg			
	WDCA (20) That '70s Show	That '70s Show	MLB Baseball	Washington Nationals at New York Mets. From Shea Stadium in Flushing, N.Y. (Live)	Wall-Fortune	NOW (N) (CC)	Mystery! (N) (CC) (DVS)	★★★ "The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg" (1999)					
	WMPT (22) The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	
	WETA (26) BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	NOW (N) (CC)	Jrnl Edit. Rpt.	Tucker Carlson	Mystery! (N) (CC) (DVS)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (CC)				
	WHUT (32) White House	Tavis Smiley (1)	BBC World News	MoneyWise (CC)	Evening Exch	Success Stories	History Detectives (1) (CC)	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (1)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (CC)			
	WBDC (50) The Parkers (1)	Steve Harvey	The Parkers (1)	Steve Harvey	What I Like	Reba (1) (CC)	Reba (1) (CC)	Living With Fran	Will & Grace (1)	Just Shoot Me (1)	Will & Grace (1)	Blind Date (N) (1)	
A&E	City Confidential (CC)	American Justice "Vigilante Justice"	Biography "Phil Hartman" (CC)	Biography: John Belushi: Funny-Ask	Biography: Chris Farley	American Justice: Killing Field							
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter (CC)	The Most Extreme Dog breeds.	Ultimate Zoo (N)	Animal Cops Houston (CC)	Animal Precinct "Junkyard Dogs"	Ultimate Zoo							
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	BET.com Count	★★★ "Baby Boy" (2001, Drama) Tyrese Gibson, Taraji P. Henson. Premiere.	Cirque du Soleil: Varekai A tribute to the spirit of the nomadic soul.	Club Comic View	BET Nightly News	Maad Sports						
Bravo	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (CC)	Project Greenlight (CC)	Cirque du Soleil: Varekai A tribute to the spirit of the nomadic soul.	Cirque du Soleil: Dralion (CC)									
Comedy	Jewish Comedy Com.-Presents	Daily Show	Mad TV (1) (CC)	Com.-Presents	George Lopez: Why You Crying? (1) (CC)	"The Original Latin Kings of Comedy" (2002) (CC)							
Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops (1) (CC)	Cops (1) (CC)	The Investigators	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	I, Detective	Anatomy of Crime "Intimate Violence"				
Discovery	Monster Garage "Fire Truck" (CC)	American Chopper (CC)	Monster House "Hero: Police Station"	American Chopper "Race Car 2"	American Hot Rod (N)	Monster House "Hero: Police Station"							
DISCH	Paramedics "Everyday Heroes" (CC)	Trauma: Life in the ER	Trauma: Life in the ER	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (N)	Critical Hour "Chopper Rescue"	Trauma: Life in the ER							
Disney	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	★★ "Beethoven's 3rd" (2000, Comedy) Judge Reinhold. Premiere. (CC)	American Drgn	Zack & Cody	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven					
E!	101 Crimes of Fashion	E! News (N)	Jackson Trial	US Weekly: Hottest Hollywood Style	Gastineau Girls	Gastineau Girls	The Soup (N)	My Crazy Life	Howard Stern (N)	Howard Stern			
FX	Fear Factor (1) (CC)	Fear Factor "Four Stunt Show" (1) (CC)	NASCAR Pre.	NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- Bashas' Supermarkets 200. (Live)	NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- Bashas' Supermarkets 200. (Live)	The Shield "Insurgents" (CC)							
HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Get Color (N)	Sensible Chic	Designed to Sell	Design Remix	Divine Design	House Hunters	Debbie Travis' Facelift "girlfriend" (1)		
Family	7th Heaven "Forget Me Not" (CC)	Smallville "Delete" (1) (CC)	★★★ "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey" (1993) Robert Hays.	Whose Line? (1)	Whose Line? (1)	Whose Line? (1)	Whose Line? (1)	Whose Line? (1)	The 700 Club (CC)				
History	Days That Shook the World (CC)	Modern Marvels "Inviting Disaster"	The Last Days of WWII (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels "Bullets" (CC)	April 1865	Thirty of the most pivotal days in U.S. history. (CC)							
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★★ "Awake to Danger" (1995, Suspense) Tori Spelling, Michael Gross. (CC)	★★ "Coed Call Girl" (1996, Drama) Tori Spelling, Susan Blakely. (CC)	"Guilty Until Proven Innocent" (1991)								
MTV	Trippin' Chile.	Pimp My Ride (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Punk'd (1)	Viva La Bam (1)			
NICK	ChalkZone (CC)	All Grown Up (1)	Jimmy Neutron	Avatar-Last Air	Danny Phantom	Teenage Robot	Fairly Oddparents	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show		
SCIIFI	Stargate SG-1	O'Neill uncovers a plot.	Andromeda "One More Day's Light"	Stargate SG-1 "Zero Hour" (1) (CC)	Stargate Atlantis "Hide and Seek" (1)	Battlestar Galactica "Bastille Day" (1)	Stargate SG-1 "Zero Hour" (1) (CC)						
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)							
TBS	Seinfeld (1) (CC)	Seinfeld (1) (CC)	Every-Raymond	Friends (1) (CC)	Friends (1) (CC)	★★★ "Jerry Maguire" (1996, Comedy-Drama) Tom Cruise. A crisis of conscience costs a sports agent his job. (CC)							
TLC	Clean Sweep	Messy bedroom. (CC)	In a Fix "Project Child"	What Not to Wear (CC)	What Not to Wear "Tanya" (N) (CC)	Sheer Dallas "Image Is Everything"	What Not to Wear (CC)						
TNT	Charmed "Saving Private Leo" (CC)	Law & Order "Armed Forces" (1)	★★★ "Ali" (2001) Will Smith. Based on the life story of legendary boxer Muhammad Ali. (CC)	★★★ "Ali" (2001) Will Smith, Jamie Foxx. (CC)									
USA	JAG "Rivers' Run" (1) (CC)	Monk (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Kojak "Fathers and Sons" (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)							
VHI	100 Most Wanted Bodies "Hour 2"	100 Most Wanted Bodies "Hour 3"	100 Most Wanted Bodies "Hour 4"	100 Most Wanted Bodies "Hour 5"	100 Most Wanted Bodies "Hour 5"	ET on VH1 "Desperate Housewives."	Best Week Ever	Totally Naked (1)					
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MOVIES	AMC	(5:45) ★★ "Predator" (1987) Arnold Schwarzenegger. 'R' (CC)	★★★ "Mad Max" (1979, Adventure) Mel Gibson, Joanne Samuel. 'R'	★★ "Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers" (1988) (CC)	(45) Halloween 5								
	TCM	Road-Singapore	★★★ "Road to Morocco" (1942) Bing Crosby. 'NR' (CC)	★★★ "Road to Zanzibar" (1941, Comedy) Bing Crosby. 'NR' (CC)	★★★ "Road to Utopia" (1945, Comedy) Bing Crosby, Bob Hope. 'NR' (CC)								
	HBO	★★★ "Bend It Like Beckham" (2002) Parminder Nagra. (1) 'PG-13' (CC)	★★★ "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" (2003) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	Deadwood "E.B. Was Left Out" (CC)	Real Time (S Live) (CC)								
	MAX	(5:45) ★★ "The Rainmaker" (1997, Drama) Matt Damon. (1) 'PG-13' (CC)	★★ "S.W.A.T." (2003, Action) Samuel L. Jackson. (1) 'PG-13' (CC)	★★★ "A Time to Kill" (1996, Drama) Sandra Bullock. (1) 'R' (CC)									
	SHOW	(5:35) ★★ "The Core" (2003) Aaron Eckhart. iTV. (1) 'PG-13' (CC)	★★ "The Fighting Temptations" (2003) Cuba Gooding Jr. 'PG-13' (CC)	(:05) Fat Actress (1)	(:35) SHO Me First (1)	Boxing Shobox: The New Generation.							
	TMC	(:05) ★★ "Alice" (1990, Comedy-Drama) Mia Farrow. (1) 'PG-13' (CC)	★★ "City of Ghosts" (2002, Crime Drama) Matt Dillon. (1) 'R' (CC)	★★★ "Ash Wednesday" (2002) Edward Burns. 'R' (CC)	Death Wish V								
	STARZ!	(4:45) ★★ "Renaissance Man" (CC)	★★ "Mona Lisa Smile" (2003, Drama) Julia Roberts. (1) 'PG-13' (CC)	★★ "The Hulk" (2003) Eric Bana. Scientist Bruce Banner transforms into a powerful brute. (CC)	Dawn of the Dead								
	ENCORE	(:15) ★★ "Lost in Translation" (2003) Bill Murray. (1) 'R' (CC)	★★ "Bringing Down the House" (2003) Steve Martin. (1) 'PG-13' (CC)	(9:50) ★★ "Ransom" (1996, Suspense) Mel Gibson. (1) 'R' (CC)									

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Going to movies no longer has to feel like riding in coach or sitting in bleachers. But do film fans care?

At about a dozen National Amusements theaters nationwide, some auditoriums are fitted with extra-wide, VIP leather seats (no arm-rest sharing here) and private concession stands. Some other theaters offer valet parking and fine dining — all at a higher price.

"If you're going to a football game, you can sit in a luxury box. If you're flying, you can sit in first class," National Amusements' Brian Callahan said. "At the movies it had been always one level of service."

The number of movie tickets sold fell from 1.57 billion in 2003 to 1.53 billion last year, as home entertainment options multiplied. Because movie houses make little money from ticket sales, they must profit

from concession sales.

Selling wine and higher-priced seats in a country-club setting is another way to increase earnings and give people a reason to leave home. The theater extras add from \$2 to double the price of a regular ticket. The average cost of a ticket was \$6.21 in 2004.

Interviews with theater operators

"Movie theater seats are so comfortable now anyway."

WILL NORRIS, ON WHY HE'LL PASS ON LUXURY THEATERS

indicate the number of cinemas that offer VIP seating is just a fraction of the 37,000 movie screens nationwide. They realize most customers, such as Will Norris, are satisfied enough to opt against the extras.

"Movie theater seats are so comfortable now anyway," said Norris, at the Maumee 18 Cinema De Lux in Toledo, Ohio. Four auditoriums at that National Amusements cinema have wider seats, for \$3 more.

Loews Cineplex Theaters has tried approaches to VIP seating. Some theaters offer first-class seats, sectioned off and reserved in the regular theater, and let those patrons order snacks from their seats.

The more exclusive Loews Club at a West Homestead, Pa., theater offers a restaurant, free coat check and lounge chairs to watch the show. Sitting in those stuffed leather chairs costs \$5.50 more per ticket.

At the Muvico Palace 20 in Boca Raton, Fla., a separate entrance leads to premier seating. An escalator takes moviegoers to a bistro and bar where they can eat, have a drink or go to one of six balconies with love seats and free popcorn. Tickets are \$18 in the evening, double the normal price. "We patterned it after club level seating at sporting complexes," said Jim Lee, a spokesman for Muvico. JOHN SEEWER (AP)



JAY LAPRETE/AP



SEAT VIRGINIA: Pay more for wider, leather seats at the Cinema De Lux.

FAIRFAX CORNER

Cinema De Lux at Fairfax Corner (11900 Palace Way, Fairfax; 703-502-4060) is one of about a dozen "concept theaters" owned by National Amusements in the nation, according to company spokesperson Brian Callahan. For starters, there's a full-service restaurant, complete with bar, and a coffee shop. The atmosphere shoots for sophistication, with Colonial-style architecture, a baby grand piano playing in the lobby and plasma screens throughout showing movie trailers or sporting events.

In the theater's four "directors' hall auditoriums," patrons can pay extra for the privilege of reserving larger, leather seats by going online, calling or showing up to buy the tickets beforehand. The cost: \$11.50, compared to \$9.50 for regular admission or \$6.75 for children or seniors. For families, there are also birthday party rooms where kids can dine on catered fare and play games before the movie. (EXPRESS)

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Marc Fisher**The Fan Base**

Post columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday to discuss the Nats on TV, the deal fans make with the devil and seat swapping | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

How about organizing a campaign to demand from the Nats, baseball and UPN-20 that more games be televised? It worked last week, but now we're in the dark again.

I'm trying to keep this issue in the forefront — it's not a simple matter of wanting to see the games, though of course that's a piece of it. But if this franchise is going to develop a dependable fan base — and it's in all of our interests that it does — then people have to see the games, and that means they have to be on TV.

Also, if the public is investing this much money in the project, there is a public obligation to have the games be available to those who can't make it out to the park.

I thought it was peculiar that you complained about baseball's "greed" in your column about RFK stadium, yet you and others still pay obscene amounts to buy their product. How does that make sense?

Fans make a deal with the devil. We loathe the owners and yet we rely on their profligate spending on the teams we love. We whine about

the economics of pro sports, yet we let ourselves become emotionally involved in a way that rivals our love for our families. There's something elemental about the attraction of these games — part of it is raw competition (we want our team, our city to be the best) and part is a craving for community.

I was disappointed to see you encourage people to move into seats that they don't have tickets for. It is often disturbing to people who are supposed to be there.

Oh, please. One of baseball's grandest traditions is the chance to move down and fill in unused seats in better sections. As long as people wait a decent interval before moving and act politely, there's no problem. Indeed, the movement of the crowd into the lower, better seats improves everyone's experience, condensing the crowd and creating more spirit and a louder, more fun atmosphere.

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I.P.M.: Post TV columnist Lisa de Mores discusses on the world of television.

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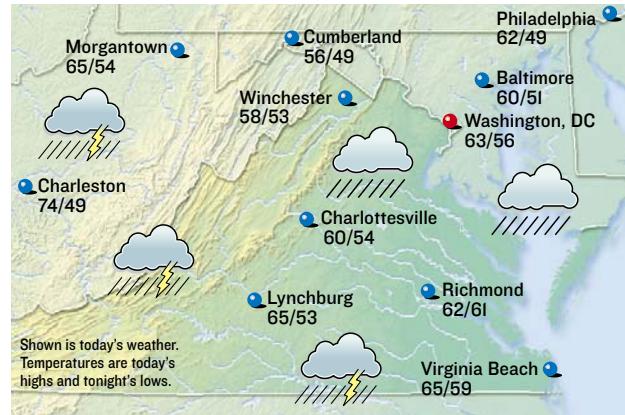
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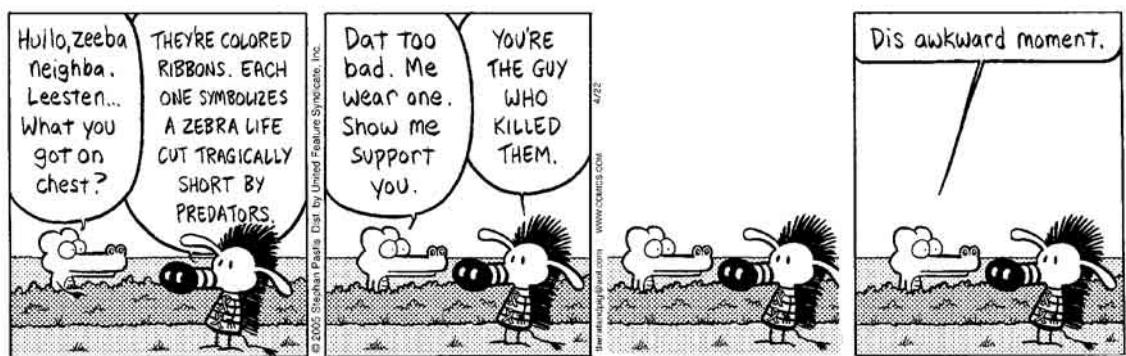
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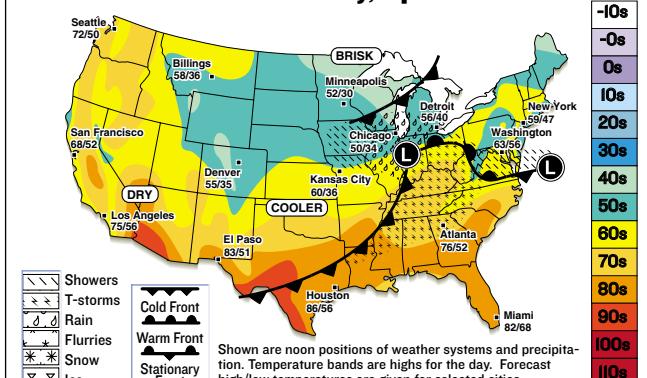
THURSDAY'S LOOKOUT article ("Intellectual Centennial") was a reasonable attempt at conveying Einstein's scientific work to the lay reader, but contained a glaring factu-

al error. The central tenet of Special Relativity is that the speed of light is constant regardless of how fast you travel; it does not "appear different" as your article claims. [The article said Einstein theorized that the "speed of light is constant, but appears different depending on where you are and how fast you travel." This constancy has many impli-

cations; the most well-known one is probably that your speed determines the apparent size of other objects and the time required for events to occur. This is mind-bogglingly cool — and experimentally confirmed.

— CARL A. PEARSON
Washington, D.C.

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National Weather for Friday, April 22**Almanac**

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	75°
Low	53°
Normal high	68°
Normal low	48°
Average humidity	67%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.12"
Month to date	2.68"
Normal month to date	1.91"
Year to date	12.08"
Last year to date	8.72"
Normal year to date	11.35"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, spotty drizzle, afternoon rain. High 63. Wind east-southeast 8-14 mph. Tonight, rain, thunderstorm. Low 56.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:22 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:52 p.m.
Moonrise today 6:16 p.m.
Moonset today 5:30 a.m.

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National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	76/52/t	62/38/pc
Boston	57/44/s	55/48/r
Chicago	50/34/r	44/30/c
Dallas	80/50/pc	68/48/s
Denver	55/35/s	64/37/pc
Honolulu	85/71/pc	84/70/pc
Los Angeles	75/56/pc	69/56/r
El Paso	83/51	70/52
Houston	86/66/pc	70/52
Miami	82/68/pc	84/61/s
New York City	59/47/s	62/45/pc
Orlando	86/62/s	86/56/pc
Seattle	72/50/pc	72/48/sh

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
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Athens	66/50/pc	64/50/pc
Berlin	50/39/pc	52/37/pc
Buenos Aires	73/59/pc	77/59/sh
Calgary	72/35/s	47/28/r
Dublin	51/46/r	52/45/pc
Geneva	54/36/pc	51/44/r
Moscow	36/36/i	52/31/r
Rome	55/41/pc	57/46/pc
Sydney	72/61/s	70/61/s
Tokyo	68/46/pc	61/48/s

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LOOK out

People



By letting Webster speed, Warwick opened the door to a Z-list crimewave.

LENIENCY

Rural Georgia to Become Haven for Speeding Celebs

A Warwick, Ga., police officer will be reprimanded for not giving a speeding ticket to **EMMANUEL LEWIS** after he was clocked driving 25 mph over the speed limit. Lewis, 34, gave his autograph and posed for a photo with Officer Ron Kirk and the police chief, and got off with a verbal warning. The Warwick City Council concluded Tuesday that Kirk's actions were improper. (AP)

SPUNK

That's Certainly One Way Of Handling a Roadblock

STOCKARD CHANNING pleaded not guilty Wednesday to drunken driving charges stemming from an incident late last year on the Hollywood Freeway. Channing, 60, was arrested Dec. 14 after allegedly trying to drive around a roadblock set up so a tow truck could remove a disabled tractor-trailer. (AP)

FRENZY

Project Greenlit

Now that People magazine, rather than just Star, is reporting that the **BENNIFER II** engagement is a go, it's safe to pop open the champagne and start celebrating. Citing a "close friend" of Ben Affleck's, People said the actor has been privately spreading the news. The pair met while shooting "Daredevil," but didn't begin dating until 2004, after Jennifer Garner divested herself of shadow-husband Scott Foley, then "Alias" co-star/boyfriend Michael Vartan. (EXPRESS)



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You Just Need an 'A' In Executive Harassment

MICHAEL MOORE has established a scholarship for students who defy the administration at California State University, San Marcos, the school that canceled his talk last year. The fund will award two \$2,500 annual grants to students who "fight for issues of student rights by standing up to the administration." (AP)



NOT HOT

Nicole Buys Back Soul From Satan, Runs Like Hell

PARIS HILTON clarified the rumored rift between herself and "Simple Life" co-star **NICOLE RICHIE**. "It's no big secret that Nicole and I are no longer friends," Hilton said in a statement Wednesday. "Nicole knows what she did, and that's all I'm ever going to say about it." (AP)



OH DEAR

We Now Feel Very Guilty For Mocking Spaztastic Paula

PAULA ABDUL has fessed up to a chronic neurological disorder after reading messages on the "American Idol" Web site attributing her odd antics to drug addiction. Last November, she told People magazine, she was diagnosed with Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, which causes severe pain. "I get a shot [of an anti-inflammatory drug] once a week," she said, emphasizing that she is not addicted to "pills of any kind." Meanwhile, MSNBC reported that former "Idol" contestant Corey Clark is claiming to have been Paula's "special friend." What a day. (AP/EXPRESS)



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On April 22, Henry VIII ascended the throne of England; in 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins; and in 1970, millions of Americans observed the first "Earth Day."

Sounds Like It | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1 Zero hour, e.g.
6 Son of Noah
10 Asian conqueror
14 Like a NASA module
15 One of The Simpsons
16 Appellation
17 Beyond being uninterested?
19 Rudolph storyteller
20 Wife of Odysseus
21 Common periodical name
23 Caustic liquid
24 Clockmaker Thomas
25 Covers
29 Scotch or sugar, e.g.
33 Antler branches
34 Upkeep
35 "September ___" (Diamond)

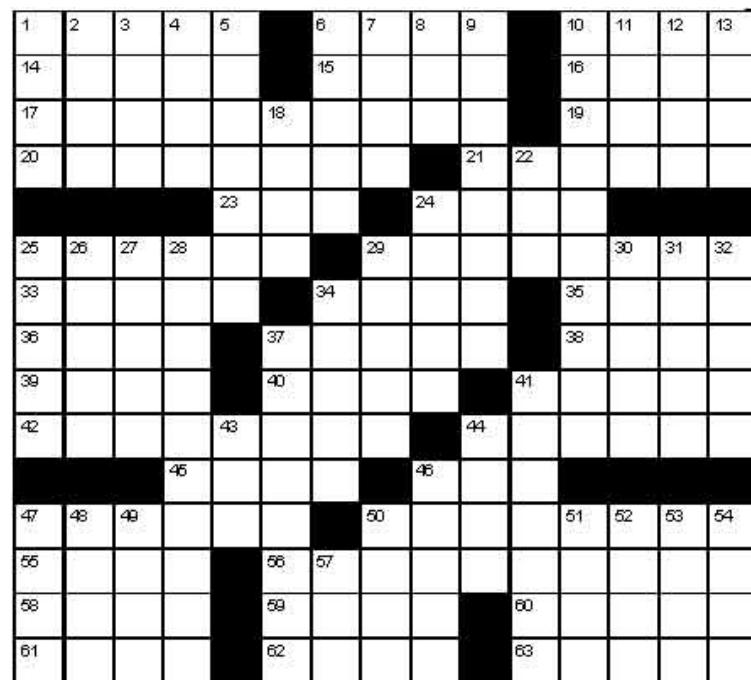
36 Social reformer Baker
37 Participated in a rodeo event
38 In the thick of
39 "The Loom of Youth" author Waugh
40 Country that got its current name in 1935
41 It's supportive
42 Lacking historical validity
44 Attendant of Dionysus

45 Life sci.
46 Michael Caine's address
47 Subway tunnel art, perhaps
50 Boeing body
55 Admit frankly
56 Sound tempests?
58 Borden of condensed milk
59 Sir Geraint's wife
60 Forum garments
61 Pandora's boxful
62 Word with electrical or red
63 Make a full apology

DOWN

1 Token punishment
2 Sock type
3 Ever and ___
4 Underground party

5 Garden structure
6 Schusser's domain
7 Add to the force
8 Legal conclusion?
9 Drove to drink, say
10 Gawain's equine?
11 Suffer from
12 "Daniel Boone" actor
13 Nutcracker suite?
18 Eton students
22 Graph ending



24 Storied
25 Select group
26 Cowboy Hall of Famer Bob
27 Cardigan Bay, e.g.
28 Emotional
seaside moments?
29 Concerning the Vatican
30 Type of candle
31 Author Jong
32 Broke off
34 Key feature?
37 Carom off
41 Robert Blake

series
43 IX square root
44 Go off target
46 Like blue shoes of song
47 Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, e.g.
48 Elliptical shape
49 Garden material
50 Kickoff preface
51 Spoils of war
52 Jason's vessel
53 FBI guy
54 In ___ (existing)
57 Literary
miscellany, e.g.

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't monopolize the conversation when at a social gathering. Know when to stop, look and listen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be careful that you are not too aggressive with loved ones. They'll get the message sooner if you use a subtler, gentler approach.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your current responsibilities may be getting a bit much for you; take time out for rest, relax-

ation — and a good pat on the back. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Friction in the workplace may be keeping you from doing your best work. Nevertheless, be sure to keep your nose out of another's business.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't try to illicit help from people by employing threats. Don't be impatient. Good things can come to those who wait.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Ideas aren't likely to come fast and furiously, so be prepared to rely on those old familiar plans you've set on a back burner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't be too picky about the appearance of your surroundings; the lived-in look suits you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Accept a

gift or a favor graciously. And don't make the mistake of asking too soon for a follow-up. Make your requests reasonable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Distractions are all around you, but be willing to fulfill a promise and put your energies where they most belong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A glimpse back to the past may prove baffling for a time, until you realize it's not the real you you're watching. A lesson is learned.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A balance between your fantasy life and reality must be struck — or you may find yourself awash in a sea of impossibilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Others may seem reluctant to cooperate, finding your endeavors too difficult or simply too eccentric. Indeed, you're in a mood.

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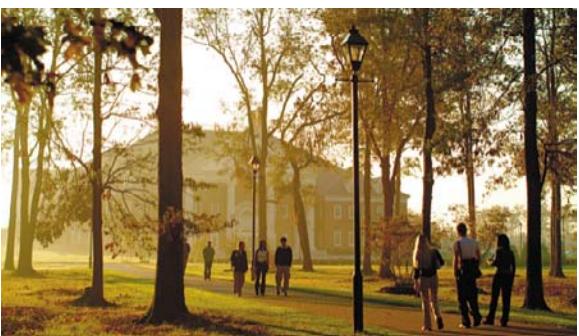
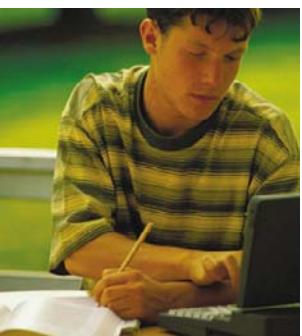
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